

Million Dollar Fire Ravages Cornwall, Ontario

Flies From Arctic To Play Santa Claus At Home



Weather-beaten veteran Arctic traveler, Inspector A. Larsen prepares for a happy Christmas at home with his family following his arrival here today. With him are, left to right, Gordon, 9; Beverly, 2½, and Doreen, 12.

Inspector Larsen Reaches City From Ice-Bound Ship

Santa Claus was a day early at one Victoria home today, and he brought the best present of all... "Daddy." He is Insp. Henry A. Larsen, master of the R.C.M.P. Arctic patrol schooner St. Roch, who traveled from Herschel Island by dog-sled, plane and ship to reach home in time for Christmas with his wife and family of three.

At his home at 2440 Central Avenue this morning, the inspector beamed in his own happy surroundings, which included Mrs. Larsen, 12-year-old Doreen, nine-year-old Gordon, and Beverly, who is a gay two and a half years of age.

But even in his own happiness, he remembered the four crew members left aboard the St. Roch in the loneliness of the ice-locked harbor in Herschel Island. He hopes they will be able to have a merry Christmas on their part.

BAD WEATHER

Looking back on the northern trip, which started from the B.C. coast June 29, Insp. Larsen said the weather had been very poor. The St. Roch ran into a lot of ice east of Point Barrow, Alaska, he said, and from then on there was nothing but snow and gales, so that they could not do a great deal of work.

However, the freeze-up was late and in the middle of September the weather turned mild and a good deal of ice was blown away. But the snow continued to fall and was so heavy that after about two weeks the St. Roch was surrounded by a thick layer of snow laying on the surface of the sea.

FOR WINTER FREEZE-UP

The St. Roch went first to Herschel Island and then on to Banks Island, returning to Herschel Island to remain for the freeze-up through the winter. There are at present about five Eskimo families on the island, Insp. Larsen said.

Asked whether he had found Santa Claus up north, the inspector smiled and replied that they had him aboard the St. Roch. It seems the children at Aklavik have been sending out their requests to Santa Claus by means of radio. These messages have been going to the St. Roch, where the wireless operator, Constable Sargent, has assumed the role of Santa Claus. He was doing very well in the job, too, Insp. Larsen said, adding that at Aklavik the children had eagerly questioned him about Santa.

LEFT BY DOG-SLED

The inspector left the St. Roch Nov. 22 by dog-sled and proceeded to Aklavik, where he awaited the R.C.M.P. plane which was to take him to Edmonton. He finally left Aklavik on Dec. 19, traveled by plane to Edmonton, boarded another plane for Vancouver, and arrived there Tuesday evening... completing in four days a trip which would have taken him a month to make aboard the St. Roch.

Another St. Roch crew member flown to Edmonton was Cpl. G. Coffin, Esquimalt, who was in need of medical attention. He disembarked at Edmonton for treatment, but Insp. Larsen expressed the hope the corporal would be home for Christmas.

So far as the St. Roch is concerned, the veteran Arctic traveler says she is safely frozen in and will probably be free of the ice by next June. He has had no instructions yet as to where she will proceed when freed, and he does not yet know when he will be returning to his ship.

Greek Communists Set Up Separate Regime In North

ATHENS (AP)—Guerrilla radio broadcasts today proclaimed establishment of a Communist "government" in northern Greece under Gen. Markos, Vafiades, and called on members of the left-wing E.L.A.S. to "take up arms."

E.L.A.S. is the armed branch of the E.A.M. left-wing political party. Premier Themistokles Sophoulis told newspaper men the vaguely located rump state likely would be recognized immediately by the Communist-dominated northern neighbors of Greece—Yugoslavia, Albania and Bulgaria. All three have been accused by a United Nations commission of abetting the civil strife in Greece.

EARLY SHOW-DOWN

Greek military authorities insisted the Communists could not hold a given area in northern Greece for 48 hours. One high military leader said the proclamation of a Communist state would lead to an early solution of the guerrilla problem because the army could wipe out the rebels in a frontal battle. The Athens and army radios

Philippines Plan Joyous Christmas

MANILA (AP)—The Philippines turned wholeheartedly to night to its most bountiful Christmas tide in seven years.

Thousands of the devout in this only Christian nation in the Orient streamed to churches. Afterward they will observe the traditional Buena Noche (good night) feasts. Tables will be loaded with food, even though rice sells for six times its prewar price, turkeys for \$1.75 a pound and suckling pigs for from \$20 to \$25 each.

A modern note was planned for celebrations at U.S. air bases in the Philippines. Santa Claus was due to descend on Nicholas Field in a 13th Air Force helicopter.

G.I.'s Play Santa

FRANKFURT (Reuter)—American soldiers at Bremen imported 100,000 gaily-wrapped ice cream bars from the United States for German children living in the seaport town this Christmas. The soldiers have spent \$716,290 on pre-Christmas parties for nearly 1,000,000 children.

which monitored the broadcasts said only vague details were given.

Vafiades, long-hunted chief of the guerrillas, was reported to be the premier and minister of war. The broadcasts said John Ionnides, old-line Communist in charge of undercover activities of the party for many years, was to be deputy premier and minister of the interior.

Informed sources said that if Vafiades really had set up an opposition "government" the U.N. will be asked to intervene. Foreign Minister Tsaldaris said after a meeting of the Greek cabinet that the establishment of the Communist government clarified the position of the Communist Party and did not change the situation substantially. He said the Communist action was "not important" from an international point of view.

C. M. Prophydrogennis, named as minister of justice in the new "government," was quoted as saying the Communist "government" was established to tighten relations with Russia and other "democratic countries."

Minister Urges Officers Continue At Posts On Ships

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell today called on deck, radio and engineer officers of deep-sea ships to continue manning their vessels while negotiations for a new contract proceeds with the operators.

His appeal to three unions on the Pacific coast came as five vessels were tied up in British Columbia ports after a "no contract, no work" decision by the officers and while some ships in Halifax were crippled by resignations of officers.

The minister termed "most unreasonable and arbitrary" the action of three officer unions on the B.C. coast in voting that no vessels should sail from that coast until a new agreement had been concluded with the shipping companies or some proof of such an agreement was forthcoming.

His telegram to the unions was in reply to one advising him they had taken this stand. The organizations are the Canadian Merchant Service Guild, the National Association of Marine Engineers and the Canadian Communications, representing respectively the deck, engineer and radio officers on dry-cargo vessels.

TALKS IN MONTREAL

Mr. Mitchell pointed out that negotiations for new agreements have been under way in Montreal for some time under Mr. Justice D. A. McNeven, industrial disputes inquiry commissioner appointed by the minister to conciliate the dispute.

He said he had been informed "substantial progress" had been made toward agreements covering officers after contracts for unlicensed personnel had been agreed on.

These negotiations had been suspended for the holiday season, Mr. Mitchell said.

"I therefore regard as most unreasonable and arbitrary the action of your respective organizations in deciding upon a disruption of overseas shipping."

LATEST Warm Christmas

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Christmas day temperatures in Australia are expected to range between 80 and 100 degrees. Thousands of Australians headed today for Yuletide holidays at seashore resorts.

Charge Arrives

NEW YORK (CP)—M. R. Belovostikov, charge d'affaires at Russian Embassy in Ottawa, arrived today aboard the liner Queen Mary after a visit to the Soviet.

4 Typhoid Cases

LANCASTER, Pa. (AP)—Four new cases of typhoid fever reported today among 75 guests at a Thanksgiving Day wedding at reception brought the total to 15. Health authorities still are seeking the source of the infection.

Plan Development

REGINA (CP)—Resources Minister Phelps of Saskatchewan said today the provincial government would begin shortly a "vigorous program" to assess Saskatchewan's mineral resources and encourage their development.

Siamese Twins Failing

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Chances for survival of the Siamese twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Speer of Bedford, Ind., have "considerably diminished," Dr. D. Casely said today. Joined at the top of their heads, they were born Nov. 29 in Bedford.

Welcome Santa!



Tiny Diosa "Dinky" Rolston Young couldn't stay in bed to wait for Santa Claus. Although she can barely reach the knob, she has the door open and a wide smile to greet jolly old Santa this Christmas Eve. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Young, 2723 Scott Street.

U.S.-Canadian Hunt For Plane Lost Off Goose Bay, Nfld.

HALIFAX (CP)—Canadian and United States air search forces were in action today on distress signals from a U.S. Army Air Force Flying Fortress that it was making a forced landing somewhere northeast of the Goose Bay, Labrador, base, and from an American Seaboard and Western commercial plane, reporting one engine "running wild" over the Atlantic 400 miles from its Gander, Nfld., destination.

R.C.A.F. and United States forces at Goose were sending off search planes to look for the big Fort, two hours overdue when it reported it was lost and making a forced landing. The pilot said he thought he was somewhere "northeast" of Goose and he said he was making a forced landing on a lake.

STORM FEARED

There were no other details except a weather report that a snowstorm or blizzard might strike that area in the next few hours.

The first reports from the distressed commercial air liner were equally skimpy. The plane, of unidentified type, reported only that it was 400 miles from Gander on a flight from Shannon, Eire.

The commander said one engine was "running wild"—an aviation term meaning it was feathering and useless. He did not say whether he was carrying passengers or cargo.

The United States army base at Stephenville, Nfld., dispatched a Flying Fortress equipped with an aerial life raft.

Few Pilgrims Hazard Strife To Visit Birthplace Of Christ

BETHLEHEM (AP)—Cold, rain-sodden winds swept the Judean hills today as Christmas Eve pilgrims, thinned to a handful by unceasing strife in the Holy Land, arrived at this birthplace of the Prince of Peace for traditional observances.

Many of them came from Jerusalem, down the road over which Joseph and Mary passed nearly 20 centuries ago today to seek and be refused shelter at an inn. Their goal was the sacred grotto of the Nativity, on the site of the stable where Joseph and Mary found a haven and where Christ was born.

Usually tens of thousands through this hillside village, sacred to a third of mankind, for the Christmas Eve ceremonies, but today far fewer braved the hazards of communal strife to pray at the place where the manger was.

In the grotto, there will be constant prayers until the early hours of Christmas morning before the little marble altar which represents the straw-filled manger where the Baby Jesus lay.

The grey stone Church of the Nativity, built 15 centuries ago and rebuilt by the Crusaders, stands peacefully today under Bethlehem's slate-grey sky, a symbol of everything which Palestine is not. For peace does not abide in Palestine.

British soldiers, celebrating their 30th and last Christmas as a military power in the Holy Land, were expected to number several hundred in the Christmas Eve services. In other years there were thousands, but today most of them are on security duty, striving to stop the killing of Arab by Jew and Jew by Arab.

SING CAROLS

As usual, members of the various Protestant faiths will usher in Christmas Eve with community carol singing at the Church of the Nativity. Later both Roman Catholics and Protestants will make a pilgrimage to the field of the shepherds—a half-mile from Bethlehem.

It was there, according to tradition, that three frightened shepherds heard that first song of Christmas:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

The pilgrims' road home tonight will be lined by helmeted soldiers with Tommy-guns at the ready to prevent political murder from marring Christendom's holiest day.

Jew, Arab Strife Continues Fierce

JERUSALEM (AP)—A Jew and two Arabs were killed today in continuing communal strife over partition. Four Arabs and three Jews were wounded. The fatalities rose to 310 in Palestine and to 431 throughout the Middle East since Nov. 29, when the United Nations decided to carve the state into Jewish and Arab nations.

Scattered sniping and skirmishes in Haifa were reported broken up by a charge of Hagana forces, the underground Jewish defence army.

Gunfire echoed through the old City of Jerusalem. An Arab was wounded by bullets from a speeding taxi cab in suburban Romena.

Heart Of Business Area Hit

CORNWALL, Ont. (CP)—Fire early today destroyed 24 second-story apartments, 12 stores and several offices, causing \$1,000,000 damage in the heart of Cornwall's downtown business section.

Mayor Lloyd D. Gallinger who said the loss would be "easily \$1,000,000," said the blaze had created a "civic emergency."

Firemen from Massena, N.Y., 10 miles southwest of here, answered an emergency call and sped to Cornwall across the St. Lawrence River to help check the blaze.

Relief headquarters for the dozens of men, women and children forced to the cold, ice-spread street below their apartments were set up at City Hall.

Meanwhile, normal business and transportation was strangled in this city of 15,000 persons about 70 miles west of Montreal.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS DELAYED

All along Pitt Street, the city's main thoroughfare, traffic was snarled. For blocks the only vehicles moving were fire trucks and police cars. Christmas deliveries were disrupted. Water from hydrants froze solid in the street.

The weary, hard-pressed regular fire department of 16 men, bolstered by the Massena brigade and volunteers, continued to pour tons of water into the smoldering ruins.

One person—a policeman—was reported injured. He suffered a leg injury when struck by a tumbling store front, one of several walls which collapsed during the early morning.

At least two other persons, one a woman, escaped injury under similar circumstances.

The two-dozen families who fled from apartments above the razed block of stores were almost destitute. Most of them escaped with only scanty clothing and only a few were able to save personal belongings and furniture from the path of the speeding flames.

APPEAL TO HOMES

Mayor Gallinger appealed to householders to provide accommodation for the homeless. He indicated persons who could not be looked after in that way would be cared for by the city.

The mayor, in a statement emphasizing the extent of the disaster and appealing for public assistance, described the fire as "a severe blow, not only to the individuals concerned but to the whole business life of Cornwall."

"This constitutes a civic emergency and I appeal to all residents to render whatever possible assistance they can."

"In the event that such action is necessary, I pledge the assistance of the city council in seeing that those persons left homeless will be looked after until they can be rehabilitated."

Cause of the fire was not determined immediately. But it was known in started in either the McIntyre and Campbell drygoods store or the adjoining Lowe Brothers' paint shop.

Fed by paints and varnishes, the flames spread quickly and soon were beyond immediate control.

Times Observes Holiday; Feature Pages Saturday

There will be no issues of this newspaper Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The next regular editions will be published Saturday.

In the Saturday issues the Times will revive many of the features which were discontinued during the war. Eight pages will be devoted to Music, Drama, Books, Bridge, Farm and Garden, Children's, Nature, Movies, Fashions, Recipes and World Events. The pages will be illustrated with topical pictures.



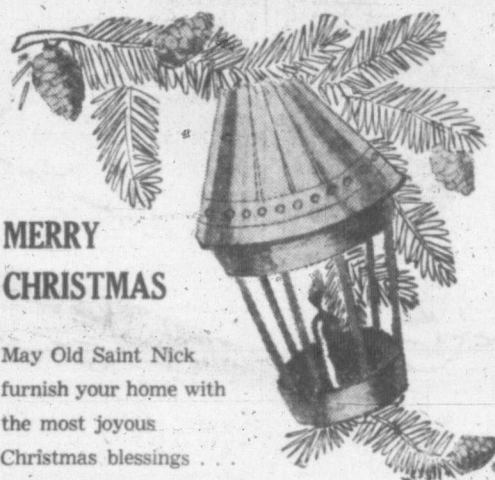


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Good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, formed with a hope that other parts of the world may in the near future enjoy such fortunate conditions as Canadians enjoy today were expressed in messages from federal, provincial and civic leaders. The messages follow:

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
AND MRS. BANKS

In sending you our Christmas Message we cannot refrain from telling you that, in a letter from one provincial newspaper, requesting a message, were the words, "In just five weeks Christmas will be a reality—with trees glittering, lights twinkling and joviality everywhere."

Yes! Everywhere on this continent, and in one or two small countries in the British Commonwealth. But alas, in Europe and other countries there will be very little food—no Christmas fare, no presents and no merry-making.

In wishing you all the happiest possible Christmas and New Year, we pray that the thought of others, less fortunate, will ever be uppermost in your hearts and that during the coming year—nay, years—you will seriously make sacrifices so that others may live.

The everlasting waste of food in this country has always appalled us—but in these grim days it does so even more. Please bear this in mind, always mindful of the words, "Give us this day our daily bread" and "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you" in the high hope that one day good will triumph over evil.

R. W. MAYHEW, M.P.

I wish at this time to extend to all my sincere best wishes for the Christmas season and to express the wish that the year 1948 will bring peace, health and happiness to all.

Great and many are the problems facing this nation and the world today. The solution of these problems requires that Canadians, and the peoples of the world, demonstrate the

Christmas spirit of good will, toward their fellow men, of tolerance, understanding and charity, not only during the period of Christmas festivities but throughout the year. It is vital in 1948—perhaps more vital than ever before—that this spirit of Christmas good will be extended beyond the Christmas season throughout the whole year.

With this thought in mind, I again say: "A Merry Christmas."

PREMIER JOHN HART

Despite the sacrifices made during six years of war, unrest and strife are still rampant in various parts of the world. Our leaders in international affairs have taxed their ingenuity to bring about a reconciliation between the striving factions.

Having in mind the existence of these disturbing conditions, as we approach Christmas I can only express the hope that the real message of this season will soon permeate the hearts of everyone.

We have long struggled for peace and as we celebrate this festive occasion and stand on the threshold of another year I am

sure that we all earnestly pray the future will hold for us fulfillment of that desire.

May I also express the wish to every British Columbian that this Christmas will be a truly joyous one and the New Year will hold for them great promise of prosperity, peace and contentment.

MAYOR PERCY GEORGE

It is indeed a pleasure and a privilege for me to extend to all citizens my best wishes for this Christmas season and health and happiness throughout 1948.

We in this part of the world are indeed rich in God's blessings. Not only were we spared the devastation of war, which in other lands has left hundreds of thousands homeless, but we have also been spared that daily struggle for survival which millions of people on the verge of starvation have now to endure.

Let us then enter this Christmas season with thankful hearts and out of that thankfulness resolve that tolerance and understanding will henceforth be our watchwords.

Let us resolve that when we sing of "Peace on earth, good-will to men" we will use our best efforts to ensure that peace and good-will come to the nations of the earth, realizing that this much-to-be-desired consummation

depends on our individual thoughts and actions.

I would suggest that "Peace and goodwill on earth" would quickly come if we exemplified the "Christmas spirit" of charity and kindness one to the other not only at Christmas time but each day after it until it comes again.

Again let me give you that old, old wish, "A Merry Christmas."

HON. HERBERT ANSCOMB

I am very glad to have the opportunity afforded me by the press to extend to my fellow citizens of British Columbia, who today number more than a million, my hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

While the world today is in a very difficult position everywhere because the spirit of peace and understanding between men and women all around the world is so little understood and respected, at least we can say in our own province, and in Canada, that we do understand and appreciate the tremendous benefits we have received on every hand—a nation that stands united from coast to coast although, perhaps, in many places with divergent views. Nevertheless, I feel that we are all loyal to Canada, doing what we can for the good of this great country.

We have been and are prosperous beyond the dreams of the most optimistic, when we realize what is going on in other parts of the world and see the conditions in what used to be considered the cradle of civilization—Europe—where destruction and destitution now prevail.

I am satisfied that if the united effort is continued in British Columbia there is no limit to the prosperity and good that will come to us all.

FRANKFURT (AP)—A conference between British and United States military governors of Germany and the German political leaders of the British and American zones will be held in Frankfurt Jan. 7. It was learned Tuesday.

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By Canadian Press

Canadians across the land prepared today to celebrate Christmas in the Canadian tradition—a tradition that makes the festival of the birth of Christ essentially a home affair, with family gatherings the rule.

Relatives from far away, members of the family who have drifted from home, will return to the family board to exchange gifts and greetings—and wonder if indigestion could possibly be permanent.

In the Maritimes a white Christmas seemed assured. Theatres will remain open, although no midnight shows have been announced. Hotels have advertised special dinners expected to draw capacity crowds.

The round of community parties and dinners in Quebec province had already started even though late shoppers still thronged the shops today.

IN ANCIENT CITY

In the old city of Quebec no Christmas movies are scheduled, and taverns will close early. An hour before midnight, public sale of liquor, beer and wine in cafes will stop. Churches, as customary, will be filled for midnight services.

In Toronto, as in most other Canadian cities, no midnight movie showings have been scheduled. The theatres open in the Ontario capital during Christmas Eve, will be open on the holiday. Liquor stores will close at 6 p.m. and will remain closed Christmas day. The sale of beverages in all hotels, beverage rooms and lounges was ordered stopped at 6 p.m. Dec. 24, continuing through Christmas.

In Winnipeg, the Christmas expected to have little in the way of public observance aside from church services. Clubs and hotels, with elaborate parties planned for the New Year's holiday, have advertised for Christmas the family atmosphere of the traditional meal.

Christmas Eve and Christmas night dances have been arranged

in Regina, with a hockey game scheduled for the afternoon. Snow has been plentiful, setting the most ardent wisher for a white Christmas, and the forecast is clear and mild.

Sale of beer has been restricted from 5 p.m. Christmas Eve, through Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Saskatoon reports many residents have left the city to visit folks in rural points, and stores remain closed until next Monday after heavy sales in the past few days. Railways are running special trains and special coaches.

MOOSE JAW'S PLANS

Hotels in Moose Jaw have prepared for guests in larger number than usual although the restaurant trade has indicated a minimum number of places would be open. Beer parlors will remain open until 8 p.m. Christmas Eve. Normal closing is 10 o'clock.

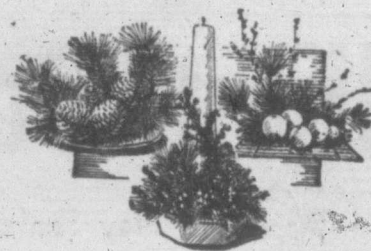
Calgary expects to celebrate a "green" Christmas. Beer parlors will be closed as usual Christmas Day and Boxing Day, as will practically all stores and places of business. Many offices and some stores will also close Saturday. Hotels expect record holiday business, with special dances and dinners arranged.

Taverns in Edmonton will observe the usual 10 p.m. closing. As in many another Canadian city, the trend is toward celebration in the home.

In Vancouver home parties predominate in the holiday programs. Hotels and clubs expect large gatherings but no capacity crowds. With shopping tapering off, several stores announced price cuts on some items ranging from 10 to 30 per cent.

In the United States people today prepared to celebrate in a tradition-rich setting of merry-making, gestures of good will and religious pagantry.

Celebrating Christmas in the executive mansion for the first time, President Truman arranged to extend his greetings to the people by radio at 2:16 p.m., PST, this afternoon.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Film Star Denied New Kidnap Trial

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Film actress Madge Meredith, convicted on charges of kidnapping and assaulting her former professional adviser, Nick Giana-

ctis, was denied a new trial Tuesday. Her attorneys asked for probation, and the court will pass sentence Jan. 15. Palid from a week in jail, she sat unmoved while the new trial motions for her and two co-defendants, Albert Tucker and Damon Klittenberg, were argued and denied. Tucker and Klittenberg also asked for probation.

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Wide Selection Of Entertainment In Victoria For Christmas Season

Because the Christmas season means something different to all kinds of people, there will be a choice of entertainment for Victoria families to celebrate during the next three days. Some will observe the holiday with a simple blessing at the dinner table while others will make merry at lavish parties from now until Sunday.

Report on brisk sale of turkeys indicates the family Christmas dinner at home still leads in popularity. Many eating places, however, are expecting a heavy rush. Most of the downtown restaurants which are staying open are nearly booked up with only a few time spots open for reservation.

The newly-opened Melody Lane restaurant is well booked for Christmas dinner there.

Christmas dinners will be served to patients in the Jubilee, St. Joseph's and D.V.A. hospitals. All three hospitals have been decorated and nurses are planning to go through the wards tonight singing Christmas carols. Presents will be distributed to patients in the children's wards.

An unofficial source said visiting hours would be somewhat relaxed for patients whose health permits.

CHRISTMAS DINNER IN JAIL

Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will also be served to inmates at the city jail. "We are expecting from 10 to 12 in," the sergeant on duty at the desk said this morning.

The theatres are expecting no

great crowds tomorrow. The Famous Players and Odeon theatres will not be open until 3 p.m. Christmas afternoon.

There is a Christmas Eve dance at the Sirocco tonight with music by the Moe Men. Dinner dances will be held tonight at the Chez Marcel and Melody Lane.

Plenty of private parties have been arranged for tomorrow night but the only public dance is at Prince Robert House. On Boxing Day the big event will be the annual Snowball Frolic at the Empress Hotel, presented under the auspices of the Solarium Junior League. Len Acres' orchestra will provide the music for dancing. Charlie Hunt's orchestra will play at the dance to be held on Boxing Day at the Y.M.C.A.

U.S. To Pull Troops From Air Bases To Panama Canal

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States is taking steps to withdraw all troops from the 14 defence bases which the Panama Republic has refused to lease to this country.

The State Department Tuesday announced the troops will be pulled out "as quickly as possible."

The United States will have to base the defence of the Panama Canal on facilities inside the 10-mile-wide Canal Zone.

The situation now apparently reverts to the status of Sept. 1, 1946, when Panama notified the United States that a 1942 agreement authorizing the leasing of Panama defence sites had expired.

The United States argued then that the 1942 agreement was effective until a year after the peace treaty with Japan had been signed. Panama contended the "one year after" clause meant a year after Gen. MacArthur's signing of the Japanese surrender.

The United States owns the Panama Canal Zone, which splits the Republic of Panama in two. The defence sites, including the big R. Hato air base, are all on Panama soil.

There have been proposals in the past that the United States construct a canal through Nicaraguan territory.

The rejection, voted 51 to 0, touched off a wild celebration in Panama. Thousands of persons marched through the streets of

the capital shouting gleefully: "It did not pass."

Leading Panama political figures—including a former president and four former foreign ministers—criticized the background of the negotiations for the pact. They expressed resentment against what they termed an infringement of Panama's sovereignty.

Cornered Gunman Wounds 3 Police

RENO, Nev. (AP)—A 20-year-old gunman, cornered in a crowded gambling casino, wounded three policemen today, fled, commandeered a taxicab, robbed the driver of \$20 and was captured, wounded, 50 minutes later in a gun battle.

The youth gave his name as Bobby Carter and his address as a Reno hotel.

The wounded policemen are said to have identified Carter as the man who shot them in swank Harold's Club as they sought to question him about three taxicab hold-ups earlier in the evening.

A charge of dangerous driving against George Vickery was dismissed by Magistrate H. C. Hall in city police court today when accused appeared for judgment. He was in collision with a light pole at Linden Avenue and Fairfield Road one night last week. He was fined \$10 on the charge of failing to comply with license restrictions.



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To All

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Truman Pardons 1,523 Violators Of War Draft

WASHINGTON (AP)—Christmas pardons by President Truman Tuesday restored citizenship rights to 1,523 persons convicted of violating the Wartime Draft Act. They included conscientious objectors and others.

Most, if not all, of those affected have already served their sentences. The effect of the President's proclamation is

a blanket restoration of "political, civil and other rights."

The President acted on the recommendation of an amnesty board which he set up a year ago and which reviewed 15,805 cases.

Their report said that the 15,805 selective service violation cases considered included "approximately 10,000 wilful violators, 4,300 Jehovah's Witnesses, 1,000 religious conscientious objectors, and 500 other types."

The list of those pardoned did not indicate in which class the board placed each individual.

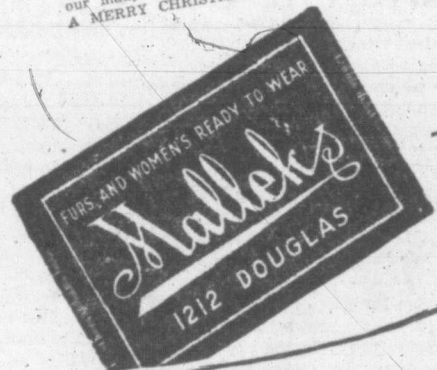
'HE' NOT A CANDIDATE
WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has let it be known again that he "is not a candidate for political office."

The army chief of staff's office said Tuesday the restatement of his position was contained in a letter signed by his aide, Col. J. H. Michaelis, in reply to a letter from the National Council for Prevention of War.

The council's letter requested an expression from Eisenhower on the question of peace, and said that "You, in common with the announced candidates for the presidency, may welcome the opportunity of sending a brief message to the conference."

A thought for
Christmas . . .

A time for rejoicing, a time to
take stock of our past year
a time to say thank you to
our many friends, and to all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS.



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TIME TO TAKE STOCK

ONE OF THESE DAYS PERHAPS THE peoples of this troubled planet may ask themselves a few plain questions. They may begin to wonder what they, as individuals, are doing toward bringing peace on earth and good will to all men. It may dawn upon them that little useful purpose is to be served by telling other people, governments, for instance, what they ought to do. At long last, they may suddenly understand that they, the questioners, are the government. "And what," they may be asking, "are we going to do about it?" If they succeed in bringing themselves to this state of introspection, a new hope will emerge.

Nothing in the foregoing exudes what is colloquially termed the Christmas spirit. Such an interpretation is not intended. We are being blunt with a purpose. Frothy rhetoric is waste of time and waste of space. We use these terms advisedly. So let us ask a question: How many people in this and other communities, in this and other lands, went down on their knees and prayed as they had never prayed before when it looked as if the last bastion of democracy in the North Atlantic—the British Isles—was about to fall? Here was a case of "The Devil was sick—the Devil a monk would be; the Devil was well—the Devil a monk was he." Surely none will cavil at this historic reference. It fits the case as we see it today.

The trouble with us in Canada is that our lines have been cast in too pleasant places. We lack imagination. We lack realism. So long as we get our three square meals a day we do not worry. What of the people in Britain? What of the people in those continental European states whose supply of foodstuffs is a cipher in the lexicon of nutritional values? What of the "black market" and all its sinister implications? These are potent questions. They have a direct relationship with the discontents and imponderables of these times. So why not try to answer them?

Down in San Francisco in the spring of 1945 the peoples of the world thought a new era was about to dawn. In the city by the Golden Gate were the representatives of nearly half a hundred nations, ready to dedicate their governments and their peoples to the cause of a lasting peace under law. The first plenary session on April 25, 1945, that year encouraged all of us who were privileged to be present. Surely, we thought, the birthpangs of this new adventure into the realm of human desire would be of but a temporary nature. None thought the delicate instruments of international diplomacy would be required later on to deliver the child of universal hope.

So much has gone down on the scroll of history. Nation again is pitted against nation. The west finds itself in conflict with the east; and it is here that the peace-loving peoples of the world must bring themselves into the mood for asking questions. And this we say, not because we despair of a popular capacity to maintain a sane balance between the extremes of ideological concepts, but because we are fearful lest there be a dangerous decline in the quality of the perspective of the "little people" of the world who have suffered most.

Notwithstanding the gloomy outlook which some may detect in the foregoing recital of historical fact and current conjecture, irrespective of the signs and portents that day-to-day dispatches may impart to the world scene as the average man and woman in the street sees it, it must be said that, at long last, citizens of the world at large are beginning to realize their responsibilities. In this realization resides the hope that the traditional Yuletide message in the years to come will have a substantial meaning.

GETTING TOGETHER

BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF the year it may be assumed that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb will have found common ground on which to solidify the coalition system of government that Mr. Hart and Mr. Maitland established a trifle more than six years ago. The leader of the provincial Liberal Party and the leader of the Conservative Party at that time realized that the Socialist elements under the leadership of Mr. Harold Winch would find no great difficulty in winning a victory in a vote on any major issue in the Legislature if ancient jealousies were allowed to prevail.

To be sure, the marriage of political convenience consummated in December, 1941, did not appeal particularly to the old-time Liberal partisan any more than it did to the Conservative old-time partisan. But it did not take long for even extremist elements in the two major parties to realize that unless they buried their spurious antipathies it would not be long before the ultra left-wingers would take control of the conduct of the business of the Province of British Columbia. And, at the risk of repeating ourselves, we suggest that the political situation which presented itself after the provincial general election of 1941, is practically on a par with that which Mr. Hart's resignation as the head of the Coal-

tion government has recently emphasized to the electorate.

How far negotiations for the re-establishment of a new administration have proceeded between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb we do not know. We do not know to what extent the newly-elected leader of the provincial Liberal Party and the leader of the Provincial Conservative Party have progressed in their deliberations as to whether the distribution of cabinet portfolios shall remain as it was in the administration over which Mr. Hart presided. But it is nevertheless no secret that Mr. Anscomb, by virtue of the statement emanating from the provincial Progressive Conservative Association's meeting in Vancouver last October, let it be inferred that, on his retirement, Mr. Hart should advise the Lieutenant-Governor to call upon Mr. Anscomb to form a new government. It was made plain that to conform with what the member for Oak Bay called a "true partnership" there also should be an equal division of portfolios.

It would be futile to enter into a dissertation on these and other aspects of the difficulties with which Mr. Johnson and Mr. Anscomb are confronted. What can be said without equivocation, on the other hand, is that the people of British Columbia will tolerate no jockeying for political position which may endanger the system of government upon which the political and economic stability of this province so vitally depends. And while there is no disposition to tell either Mr. Johnson or Mr. Anscomb to move precipitately toward arrangements for the revival of the Coalition which the electorate demands, every intelligent supporter of the principle of good government, as differentiated from the philosophy of the "planners," will hope that they will be able quickly to solve those intra-party problems in which the populace is not particularly interested.

What our people desire more than anything else at this stage is that the men and women in control of their affairs at the Parliament Buildings get down to business—and throw into the discard those petty political differences which were allowed to cut little ice after the inauguration of the Hart-Maitland arrangement six years ago.

HELMETS AND TOMMY-GUNS

THE RELATIVELY FEW PILGRIMS participating in the annual religious observances in Bethlehem this year will walk the road home tonight between helmeted soldiers with tommy-guns at the ready "to prevent political murder from marring Christendom's holiest day," we are informed by the press dispatch from the Holy Land. Such is the commentary on the times in which we live that this period of the year specifically dedicated to peace on earth and good will to all men is stigmatized by an incongruous show of arms.

The condition arises from the flaws of human character which have permitted hatred and misunderstanding to rob mankind of at least the external appearances of that hope which finds expression in the traditional Christmas wish. It is deeply shocking to contemplate the implications of the situation revealed in all its harsh realism in Jerusalem today. A great ideal is tarnished. Yet the event should not become a weapon for sterile cynicism. Surely it furnishes the challenge that is required to revitalize that spirit of faith in humanity for which this Christian ceremony stands. The helmeted troops with tommy-guns at the ready show how far the world has receded from the doctrine of the brotherhood of man. But the light that was given to the peoples of this earth still shines, and man is capable of drawing closer to its flame.

LEAVE IT TO SANTA

IT USED TO BE SAID THAT THE BEST government was that which interfered the least in the affairs of its citizens, and the principle still holds true in this complex age of controls, restrictions, orders, boards, and directives, although it is sometimes difficult to discover it. However, the ultimate in governmental intervention seems to have appeared in Washington, where a Senator has outlined a plan whereby letters to Santa Claus will receive an official reply from the Post Office Department of the United States. There can be few aspects of life still untouched by bureaucratic regulation, now that this citadel of Yuletide private enterprise has been invaded.

The Senator's plan calls for delivery of all such missives to the post office at Santa Claus, Indiana, where a reply with an "official" signature would be produced. We have no doubt the Senator means well, his only intention to ensure that letters to Santa do not go unanswered. And that is a pleasant thought in this day and age. But the idea of a government official handling such correspondence—and perhaps someday even an election being fought over the question—leads us to believe that the Santa Claus mail situation might well be left alone.

IT COMES OUT THE SAME

WE HAVE OUR MISGIVINGS OVER the suggestion that shopping during this pre-Christmas period indicates any particular economic trend. We are told that the buyer is moving away from the attitude of careless purchasing, and weighing price against value now that more goods are available. This may be true, and it may be significant. We leave it to the economist to theorize. Our experience brings us squarely under the Three-B program. We buy until we are broke and worry about the Bills that come in January. We are thankful that more selection is offered in gifts. But the end result is still the same. Our pocketbook is empty.

Two Christmases

CHRISTMAS AT HOME In those three words were tied up the longing and ambition of millions during the war, the satisfaction and achievement of similar millions in peacetime. In such comfortable and familiar surroundings today, one looks back to other Christmases, not so comfortable, not so familiar:

DEC. 25, 1939. The morning was cloudy but visibility was fairly good, and the choppy waves of the grey sea seemed to stretch away to infinity. It was a strange, un-Christmaslike day that came upon us, plunging westward a few hours out of Milford Haven toward the rendezvous in the North Atlantic where we would join other members of the convoy. We were coming out "light ship," and the freighter rode high in the water as she crushed her way through the leaden waves, leaving a track of churning green foam in her wake. It was the first Christmas of the war.

THERE WAS LITTLE to be seen in the ship at first glance which would make this Atlantic crossing different from one in peacetime. But the portholes were blacked out, tell-tale flotsam was thrown overboard only in the dead of night, and mounted in the stern, near the cans that would be dumped overboard to generate a smoke-screen in case of need, was a businesslike gun. It was hardly the setting for the Christmas spirit, but still it was better than some yet to come.

In the forenoon the Captain called the gun crew aft and had them fire the customary three shells to test the gun. The armament was little enough protection against the submarines that already were on the prowl through the Atlantic lifelines. One or two of the lads had had a brief gunnery course while waiting for the ship to sail. The rest filled in as best they could. An elderly marine allocated to the merchant service added a professional touch.

THE SHIP THUMPED ON. The day cleared slightly, and by lunch time the thin winter sun had put in an appearance. Christmas made a strained instinctive effort in the dining saloon, like the convulsive twitching of a badly wounded man. A can of beer appeared at each place, a bottle of wine was opened and a toast was drunk. Traditional turkey formed the main course. There was a joke or two, Christmases ashore were recalled, the meal was finished and the officers escaped to their quarters. It was not so much the wartime strain that stilled the Yuletide feeling. This was a meal with men who had eaten a thousand meals together. They knew each other's looks and thoughts and words as well as they knew their own—and they wanted no more of them than they had to endure.

AS THE AFTERNOON waned we joined the convoy. Forty ships of varying sizes and shapes were assembled for security in a vast checkerboard pattern. Forty ships—a unit in an immensity of sea and sky, but each component a little world of its own, a tiny universe of men and warmth and light, batted down behind steel walls against the cold and dark of the Atlantic night and the ever-present danger of enemy attack; each one a minute corpse of life in all that tossing blackness. The vessels pointed their stubby bows westward into the gathering murk. A stiffer wind sprang up and a light drizzle began to fall. The lookouts sharpened their straining stare. Christmas Day was over.

DEC. 25, 1940. The clouds were high over London that Christmas Day—light grey clouds that did not keep out the diffused brightness of the sun. The barrage balloons floated in a lazy, peaceful way which belied their grim purpose, the light gleaming on their silvery envelopes. The city was quiet, its 8,000,000 besieged inhabitants spending the holiday in their homes, or strolling out for a pleasant hour in the parks and squares. Church bells—from those edifices which still had their towers intact—rang out their seasonal message, echoing over the roof-tops and bringing a soothing benediction to the burned-out desolation of the bombed patches. The first winter of the blitz had already imposed its scars.

THERE HAD BEEN much speculation as to whether the Luftwaffe would pay its almost daily and nightly visits to London on Christmas. But the daylight hours passed without a sound from the air raid sirens dotted all over the metropolis. The guns were silent. No faint drone of aircraft, no wailing whistle of bombs, no sickening crash of explosion and falling debris marred the serene air. As evening drew on, the few pedestrians disappeared from the streets. Behind millions of shuttered window panes, curtained and painted to prevent the faintest beam of light from escaping into the wintry gloom, London's families gathered around table or hearth to spend their Christmas evening. But there were tragic gaps in many family circles.

WITH STORIES and games, and the food and drink which had not yet become too scarce, the evening hours passed quickly. For a while the omnipresent war was forgotten, the things of peace took over, and the term "merry" became more than just an adjective. Then out into the dark again, through the deserted, silent streets, guests' footfalls echoed from the bricks and cobbles as they made their way homeward. Four nights from then the whole sky was to be aglow with orange light, as a dozen city blocks around St. Paul's went up in flames from a fire raid. But on this night it was quiet. The city slept its watchful sleep and the spirit of the Season held sway.—B. A. T.

A Merry Christmas To All



Santa Claus—World Citizen

Information Service

TOMORROW, the world may be as close to "One World" as it will ever get. Santa Claus may be North American to us, but he is San Nicolaas, Knecht Clebes, Bonhomme Noel and a raft of other people to the rest of the world. There are no power politics or boundaries in his book.

Santa, says the Encyclopedia Americana, is the spirit and legend of a man who lived 1600 years ago. It is the tale of his wondrous generosity and fine humanity. Briefly, it is the story of Saint Nicholas, archbishop of

the church of Myra, in Asia Minor, around 300 A.D.

Perhaps it is his protectorate over children which has moved him from Saint Nicholas' Day—still celebrated in the Low Countries on December 6—up to coincide with the birthday of Christ, or perhaps it is the spirit of generosity and humanity taught so well by one and practised so fully by the other. The spirit of Saint Nicholas keeps Santa a busy man. It is a year-around job, for he is the patron saint of children, scholars and sailors.

There are no strings on

Santa's Christmas visits either, reports the Americana: Little French farm children get their presents in wooden sabots, but a well-shined leather shoe, a special porcelain shoe, or an ordinary pan will draw him just as quickly. And the place matters not, a corner of a room, the foot of the bed, or behind a door seems just as good as the fireplace mantel. Radar is worthless compared to Santa's all-seeing eye, for a spirit can be everywhere at once, pulling together the shattered pieces of this world as surely as a magnet draws a compass.

The Christmas Truce

By JAMES THRASHER from New York

THOSE WHO CAN remember the First World War will recall that the Allied and German troops on the Western Front declared an unofficial and spontaneous truce at Christmas. Soldiers of both sides came out of their trenches and joined in singing the carols that they knew and loved. The words were in different languages, but the tunes and sentiments were the same.

Christmas brings such a truce each year, though in less dramatic fashion, to most people of the Christian world. On that day we lay aside bitterness and animosity. Families find a bond of warmer affection. Children are indulged and enjoyed. Good wishes to neighbors and friends are hearty and

sincere. Whatever our politics, we are inclined to be interested in the Christmas of the heads of government, and to hope that it is a happy one.

CHRISTIAN SPIRIT

A lot of us go to church on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. There we are reminded again that what we call the Christmas spirit is really the Christian spirit. We are reminded that this great holiday of Christendom not only celebrates the birth of Jesus, but the birth of a philosophy of love, peace, tolerance and moral courage, of respect and fair dealing.

Christian teachers ask this generation, as they have asked other generations for centuries,

to live by this philosophy—to keep the Christmas spirit the year round. It is not an easy task, as the results have shown. And somehow it seems particularly hard today. There are provocations and anxieties that beset us as people and as nations of the Christian world. We grow angry and uncharitable, as people and as nations, through pride, selfishness, weariness and fear.

Maybe it is not possible to keep the Christmas spirit every day. Yet to keep even a little of this truce of mental hostilities would help. That truce is not and should not be a surrender of convictions. But it would surely help to create more individual happiness, and that in turn could scarcely fail to make a somewhat happier world.

Oxford—City Of Learning

By ELIZABETH RICHMOND

THE Music Room at Oxford, oldest music room in Europe, has reverted recently to its ancient use as the home of the University Musical Club. Built in 1748, it is a simple stone building in Holywell Street, one of the most famous thoroughfares in this city of learning.

For more than 700 years Oxford has trained statesmen, lawmakers, preachers, writers and empire-builders. Spend a few

days exploring Oxford, seeing its melting towers, domes, spires, its green lawns, fine gardens and ancient byways, and you feel somehow in touch with the past. Time has not spilt this city of learning, and its grey-gold walls, its sculpture, and its gateways leading to peaceful, lovely quadrangles, have not changed for hundreds of years. For seven centuries Oxford has been building colleges and from the 13th to the 17th centuries only three or four times did a generation pass without a new one being built. University, Merton and Balliol can claim to be the oldest colleges at University College the poet Shelley spent his wildest year and today there is a beautiful marble memorial to him in its quadrangle.

IMPRESSIVE GATES

The most impressive sight at Balliol is the great oak gates made about 650 years ago by a group of English carpenters. Merton's charming gardens are unforgettable. Visitors' pilgrimages often begin at Magdalen Bridge—which runs across the River Cherwell, and extends to the foot of the

far-famed Magdalen Tower and into the winding High. The High, by the way, is Oxford's most important street which leads to the corner called Carfax where four streets meet like the points of a compass. Facing Carfax is an ancient tower, all that is left of the lost medieval church of St. Martin which Shakespeare knew, and close by at No. 3, Cornmarket, is a room in which Shakespeare slept.

Decently Buried

Ottawa Citizen.

The proposed Gouzenko film holds up before the world the disloyalty of Canadians who were bound by the positions of trust they held not to reveal the secrets entrusted to them.

It is that which is the disgrace—not the actions of a few foreign spies. And just because it is disgraceful, it should not be perpetuated on a million moving-picture screens throughout the world. The guilty have been punished; the innocent acquitted; the wretched episode should be buried in a decent oblivion.

Global Survey

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

IF you could have your dearest Yuletide wish, what would it be? I'll make one guess:

You'd wish that somewhere in the troubled places of our sorry world there might be raised a wondrous Christmas tree, so tall the silver star of Bethlehem upon its top would touch the sky, that all might see. Its great, green boughs would bend beneath the tokens of good will, and round its base would gather a vast choir of all races who would carol songs of peace.

Fanciful, isn't it? Well, there is little harm in wishing. Perhaps if we wish hard enough, our vision may come true.

At this Christmas time I was happy to receive from my good friend Tom Keene, editor of the Elkhart (Indiana) Daily Truth, a letter of good cheer and a prose-poem which he composed about a Christmas tree.

FROM SILENT SLOPES

Here is part of what he wrote about the tree:

I am your Christmas Tree.
I have come far—from silent slopes where rabbits run.

Furry wayfarers of the night cuddled contentedly at my earth-bound feet, and winter's snows draped with gay festoons my bending boughs.

From out of the colorful pageantry of the changing seasons I have come to grace the Yuletide home with my green symmetry.

Silver tinsel now drapes the boughs that once so proudly wore the sheeted whiteness of the winter, and the head that once was adorned by the mellow tracery of a bright moon's gleam now rests beneath the crown of a shimmering star.

REFRESHING GLORY

Though I wear a robe of baubles and glittering things, I bring to you the refreshing glory of the great outdoors, and I bid you pause to ponder on Him who is the Creator of us all.

For beneath my tinkling coat there feebly beats a friendly heart, drained of its strength by the woodman's wound.

And, though I be dying, I am content, for I have brought you beauty.

I have peace and cheer and contentment for all of those who look upon me with understanding.

It is Christmas time, and I have been given a place of honor in your family circle of happy hearts.

Who among you shall say that I am unworthy?

I am your Christmas Tree.



PRACTICAL EDUCATION

London (Ont.) Free Press

Education is a matter of text books, courses, methods and example, of which example is the most persuasive. It may well be that the Marshall Plan—if we make a success of it—will prove the best sort of postwar education. Food, clothing, fuel and personal help, these may have to be our first approach to the re-education of the children of Europe. Exhortation and homily and expressions of high ideals are excellent performances but bread and milk and blankets are the things of life. You cannot re-educate a dead child.

TIME TO FORGET

Washington Post

On Friday a tiny item appeared in our news columns which must have stirred our readers' memories. It merely related that the Finns had made their usual half-yearly payment on their "war" debt. Gallant little Finland! The country that believes in living up to its obligations! This is the twenty-fourth year in which the money has been forthcoming. Hasn't the time arrived to let bygones be bygones, including the debt, and with further payments to do something tangible in Finland's behalf to show that in America's opinion the obligation has been more than honorably discharged?

END OF THE ROPE

Montreal Star

The National Dairy Council's somewhat acid comment that the remedy against higher prices "remains in the hands of the consumer," is not likely to endear a policy of out-and-out prohibition of the importation, manufacture or use of a butter substitute for the protection of a single industry to a harassed public which is about at the end of its patience. The council may be right in its misgivings about the effect of much higher prices on the long-term interests of the dairy industry. There is a limit to public patience and in this matter of the prohibition of margarine it has, we should say, been reached.



Spencer's

T WAS the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugarplums danced through their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the windows I flew like a flash,
To open the shutters and threw up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles, his coursers, they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name.
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! now, Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!"

To the top of the porch, to the top of the wall!
Now dash away, dash away, dash away, all!
So up to the housetops the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too!

And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

His eyes, how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry.
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face, and a round little belly,
That shook, when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump—a right jolly old elf—
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.
A wink of his eye, and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk,
And laying a finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;
But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight,



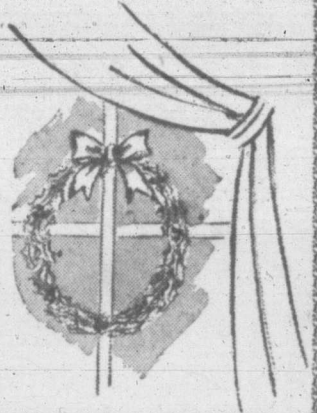
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Children's Party At Kiwanis Meeting

It was children's day at the Tuesday luncheon meeting of the Victoria Kiwanis Club as the club staged its first Children's Christmas party. More than 50 young guests attended the meeting with fathers or grandfathers.

Youngest of all the little guests at the meeting was Linda Bernice Shrive, 15-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shrive, and granddaughter of Kiwanian Jack Fawcett.

The program was arranged by a committee headed by G. Murphy and Tom Denny. Don Smith acted as master of ceremonies and led the meeting in singing Christmas carols. Entertainment was provided by William Harkness, magician.

Firemen Honor Retiring Reeve

Retiring Reeve Walter Walker, who did not seek re-election at the recent Oak Bay polls for the reevehip, was honored by the Oak Bay Fire Department at a ceremony at the firehall Tuesday when Fire Chief E. G. Clayards presented him with a gold-plated fireman's badge. Members of the department assembled for the presentation and Reeve Walker paid tribute to the fire department for its record in keeping Oak Bay's fire losses at such a low figure.

Today's Crossword Puzzle



(Answer to previous puzzle)

1. Fictitious U.S. representative
2. Whirlpools
3. Waken
4. Require
5. Seines
6. Writing table
7. Worm
8. Depends
9. Number
10. Full sail (ab.)
11. Tullium (symbol)
12. Bone
13. Nickel (symbol)
14. Closed
15. Stand
16. Hearing organ
17. Pitch
18. Examine
19. Russian
20. Note of scale
21. Plural ending
22. Compass point
23. Registered
24. Nurse (ab.)
25. Limb
26. Being
27. Excess
28. Rip
29. He represents
30. Trigonometric function
31. Natural fast
32. Tissue
33. Axial cylinders
34. Burial
35. Spanish horses
36. Syrian city
37. Frees
38. Free
39. Trench
40. Comes in
41. Partner
42. Throw
43. Excitation
44. Rhode Island (ab.)
45. Musical sound
46. Nip
47. Resistance unit
48. Pound
49. Ant
50. From (prefix)

To Destroy Scows If Left Unclaimed

Three 90-foot scows, picked up by naval vessels in the Strait of Juan de Fuca last week, are still unidentified and will be held at Esquimalt Harbor for a limited time, after which, if they are not claimed, they will be destroyed, according to R.C.N. officials.

The three scows were found adrift in the shipping lanes of the straits and navy tugs were sent out to clear the channels of the menaces to shipping.

Donations To Community Chest

Miss K. Galt \$50, Optimist Club \$50, W. F. Pinfold (additional) \$15, Mrs. C. F. Armstrong \$50, Anonymous \$50, B.C. Forest Products (additional) \$100.

Chinese \$403, Gyro Club \$50, Hudson's Bay Co. (additional) \$200, Pioneer Fruit and Vegetable Co. \$25, Victoria Tug Co. (additional) \$25, Welch's Candy Store (additional) \$25, Men's Supply Store \$25, G. Carr \$50.

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1947 Census Shows Boy Scout Growth

The growth of Boy Scouting in British Columbia and the Yukon is reflected in the 1947 census of membership released today by the British Columbia Provincial Council of The Boy Scouts Association.

Present membership, including Cubs, Scouts, Rovers, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters and other leaders, stands at 10,011 compared with 8,110 at the same time last year. R. Ken Jordan, executive commissioner at provincial headquarters in Vancouver, also announced that during the year 12 new Scout Districts were formed throughout British Columbia and the Yukon. The number of Boy Scout Troops increased from 147 to 190, while Wolf Cub Packs now number 216 as against 169 last year.

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Willows	12.55 a.m.	Haultain	12.30 and 1.00 a.m.
Beacon Hill	12.15 a.m.	Hillside	12.45 a.m.
Fernwood	12.15 a.m.	S. Fairfield	1.00 a.m.
Mt. Tolmie	12.15 a.m.	Uplands	1.00 a.m.
Gonzales		Esquimalt—30-Minute Service	
Victoria	12.20 a.m.	from 12.52 a.m. until 2.52 a.m.	
Crescent	12.30 a.m.		

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Victoria Shares In Carol Singing Revival

By HUMPHREY DAVY

Carol singing at Christmastide, a custom dating back to early Christian times, is experiencing this year a revival on a scale never seen before in Victoria and the United States.

As evidence of the growing popularity for carols and Christmas hymns, this year saw an increasing number of school choral groups and glee clubs taking part in the annual Christmas festival last week. The event was the biggest one of its kind ever held in this city.

Social clubs as well have been organizing choral groups for their own amusement and entertainment.

Most striking feature of the revival, however, is the number of children who have been wandering the city streets serenading householders in the hopes of earning some extra pocket money for Christmas shopping. Some of these young singers have displayed a shy disposition, some show they have carefully rehearsed. Others, have incurred the wrath of householders by their boldness and forwardness.

Right or wrong, these children are following an old tradition that was, and is still practiced in parts of England and Europe. Records show that at Christmastide, carol singing was particularly popular in Yorkshire and Devonshire. The carolers later pooled their gratuities.

Some organizations for girls have put carol singing to a better use by singing to patients in hospitals and in institutions for the old. The Fourth West Cathedral Girl Guides, under the direction of Guide, Capt. Doris Lancaster, sang carols on Monday to patients in St. Joseph's Hospital. The First Victoria Brownie pack sang at the Old Ladies' Home. These Brownies have been following this practice for years.

Looking back through the years, carol singing seemed to have been enjoyed by Victorians when the province was but a colony. Edgar Fawcett in his book "Some Reminiscence of Old Victoria," recalls large crowds in the early sixties attended midnight mass at the Roman Catholic Church on Humboldt Street to hear the music. On the following



Hospital patients at St. Joseph's Hospital got the Christmas atmosphere when the Fourth West Cathedral Girl Guides entertained them with carols on Monday.

morning, everybody went to the Anglican church to hear the choir sing Christmas carols.

INTRODUCED HERE BY SOLDIERS

Serenading Christmas carols in the streets appears to have been introduced in the province in 1860 by the Royal Engineers. There is certainly no record of this being done before this time. The engineers, fresh from Britain, are reported to have gone out in groups serenading friends and householders thus probably introducing this English custom to the province.

Street caroling originated with the Waits, which is another word for watchmen, who were responsible for patrolling the streets of London. Towards the end of the 18th century and the early part of the 19th century, the Waits appear to have arrogated themselves to the right to serenade householders at Christmas. They wore a special uniform of blue gowns with red sleeves and caps, and wore a

silver collar or chain around the neck. On Boxing Day they used to call on householders to receive gratuities for their tune-fulness.

In 1820 their place as guardians of the city's safety was taken over by police. From then on it was left for private individuals to keep up the custom.

In Santa Barbara today it is the custom each year for bands of singers to dress in flowing red capes and peaked hoods and to go about the streets reviving the old English custom.

In eastern Canada serenading householders on Christmas Eve is much more popular than on the West Coast. In Old Quebec employers and employees band themselves into choral groups and visit business offices. Money is collected and donated to charity.

ORIGINATED IN ITALY

Christmas carols have been sung from very early Christian times. The true carol seemed to have originated in Italy and became popular under the influence of Francis of Assisi. From there the singing of special Christmas music spread through Europe.

In England, carols were suppressed by the Puritans in the 16th century. After the restoration, they were considered too plebeian to be sung, but were kept

alive in the country districts by strolling bands of minstrels and troops of little children. In the 19th century the majority of carols were revived.

The growth of community carol singing at Christmastide is comparatively new and is being observed more and more every year. Statistics show that in 1918 approximately 30 cities in the United States conducted community carol singing. Today there are not many cities which have no community carol singing.

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300 Attend Party At Esquimalt Centre

Nearly 300 persons—adults, teenagers and children—turned out to the Christmas party and dance held Monday night at the Esquimalt Community Centre, 1123 Colville Road.

The children's party commenced at 7 with each child being given a bottle of pop by Santa Claus. Entertainment was provided by Able Seamen Neil Cave and Allan Colter and by a variety show team under the direction of Mrs. Fred Farrow, which included Ann and Jean Robertson, Eleanor Peterson, Shirley Fulton, Wayne Farrow, Pat and Nora Cerney.

Before the start of the dance at 9:45 a brief address was given by Esquimalt Reeve Bert Thomas. AB. Cave acted as master of ceremonies for the dance. Fourteen prizes were awarded those in attendance during the evening.

The Esquimalt Community Centre operates as an agency of the Community Chest. It is directed by Mrs. Edith Brindley.

Move Patients At St. Joseph's

Christmas week is also moving week for 62 patients at St. Joseph's Hospital, and the evacuation of the top floor of the Collinson Street wing of the hospital started Monday.

By Tuesday 32 patients had been moved to new quarters in the converted army huts, where they will be housed until the addition to the Collinson Street wing is completed Sister Superior said. There will be 62 beds, mainly women's medical wards and Indian children's ward, in the converted huts.

The large wards in the two converted huts are, bright and airy, and they are joined by a covered hallway to the main building of the hospital. Sister Superior said approximately \$35,000 had been spent in the conversion.

Work is progressing in the construction of the new diet kitchen and will shortly be started on the Collinson Street addition.



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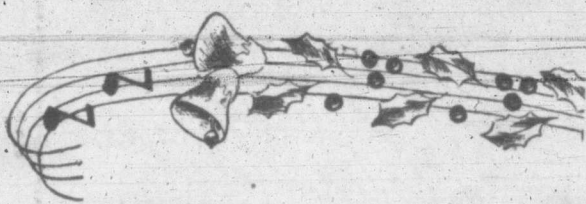
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Family Dinner Parties On Christmas Day

Christmas Day dinner parties will include that of Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart, who plan to dine with a few old friends at the Empress Hotel. Mayor Percy E. George and Mrs. George will dine with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George and their small granddaughters, Joan, at their Finlayson Avenue home. Other guests will be Mr. Warren George and

Miss Jean Roylance. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew will have with them for Christmas dinner their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Mayhew, with Robin, Marilyn and Rami Jean; their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawason and Vicki, and Mr. and Mrs. Newton Cameron with Anne and Alan. Miss Edna Inglis of Ottawa will also be a guest.

Brig. J. Sutherland-Brown and Mrs. Brown will have Brig. W. C. Thackray and Mrs. Thackray and their son Bill, also Brig. G. A. McCarter and Mrs. McCarter

and their son Doug, as guests at their Bowker Place home for Christmas dinner. Mr. Athol Sutherland-Brown has come from Vancouver to spend the holiday season with his parents.

A Christmas party that promises much in the way of enjoyment is the progressive dinner planned by members of the Ker family. Commencing at the home of Capt. J. C. Hibbard and Mrs. Hibbard, the party will go on to the Shasta Place home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. B. Ker, from there to the home of Col. and Mrs. R. W. Braide on Despard

Avenue and then to the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Nation of Cadboro Bay Road. Other members of the family in the party will be Col. and Mrs. B. Russell Ker and Miss June Ker, Dick and Bill Hibbard, Mr. David Ker and Miss Elspeth Ker, Mr. David Braide and Miss Penelope Braide, Mr. and Mrs. George Nation and Miss Barbara Nation.

Many Hosts, Hostesses On Boxing Day

Boxing Day is traditionally a day for entertaining friends. This year a gay round of parties has been planned by many hosts and hostesses. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. "Bill" Dillabough have invited friends to their Burdick Street home from 2 until 6; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Walnwright will entertain at a morning egg-nogg

party on Boxing Day morning and Maj. and Mrs. J. C. MacDonald will be after-five hosts at their Topp Avenue home. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. B. Berger have invited friends to a cocktail party at the Union Club, and Lt. Cmdr. H. R. Tingley and Mrs. Tingley will entertain at their home on Grafton Street.

Capt. (E) A. C. M. Davy, O.B.E., R.C.N., and Mrs. Davy are entertaining on Boxing Day

at their home, H.M.C. Dockyard, Esquimalt, in honor of their son, R. Thomas Davy.

Mrs. H. C. Kinghorn will be a tea hour hostess on Boxing Day at the Empress Hotel. Covers will be laid for nine.

Mrs. H. Sutherland of Vancouver is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Jameson, 1885 St. Ann's Street, for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. S. Bonnell of Vancouver are spending the holiday season in the city and are guests at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. A. J. Johnston has arrived from Toronto to be the guest of Major and Mrs. W. Merston, Beach Drive, during the festive season.

Mr. John Motherwell arrived Monday from Calgary to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Motherwell, Foul Bay Road.

Mr. and Mrs. David A. Wilson of Vancouver arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie H. Willis, 1231 Fairfield Road.

Miss Betsy DeBeck and Mr. Fred DeBeck have arrived from Vancouver to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. DeBeck, 2830 Somass Drive.

Mr. Donald H. Poaps is a Christmas visitor from eastern Canada, the guest of his fiancée, Miss Betty Jones, at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Jones, Beach Drive.

Mr. Wilson Melville, a student at the University of British Columbia, plans to arrive in Victoria Christmas morning to spend the holidays with his parents, Major and Mrs. W. W. Melville, Sea View Road.

Mr. John C. S. MacDonald, who is taking post-graduate courses at University of British Columbia is the holiday guest of his parents, Maj. and Mrs. J. C. MacDonald, Topp Avenue.

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Mr. Richard Stursberg of Nassau, Bahamas, arrived today by plane to spend two weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stursberg, 2584 Thompson Avenue. Mr. Stursberg left Nassau

two days ago and the air time for the flight was just over 20 hours. Before going to Nassau as accountant in the Royal Bank Mr. Stursberg worked with the Government Street branch here.

Miss Edna Inglis of Ottawa is the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mayhew at their Beach Drive home. Miss Inglis is vice-president, Association of Canadian Clubs and president of the Ottawa Women's Press Club.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Newall of Portland will arrive in Victoria Christmas morning to spend the holidays with Mrs. Newall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Reid, Quebec Street.

Among those who will spend the Christmas holidays in the pleasant surroundings of Harrison Hot Springs Hotel are Capt. and Mrs. Massey Gooldeen of Royal Oak; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKenna, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Knoop, Miss J. T. Ramsey and Mrs. Arthur W. Harvey.

Miss Louise Naysmith celebrated her birthday yesterday evening with a supper party at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Naysmith, 2947. Sheldbourne. Guests included her grandmother, Mrs. L. C. Tudor, Pat McKinnon, Pat Sullivan, Heather MacGillivray, Joan Wootton, Audrey Wright, Marjorie and Beverly Knowel and Marilyn Naysmith. (Additional social, page 10)

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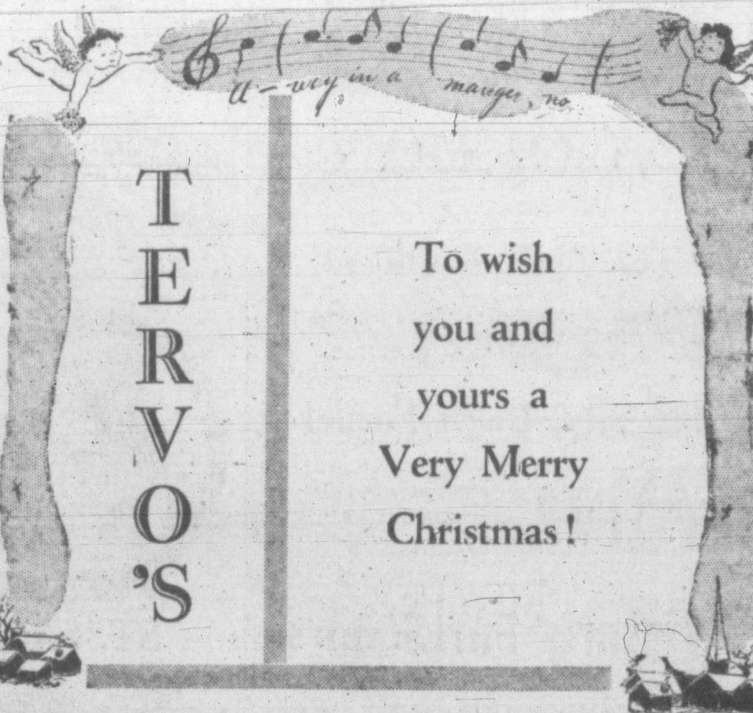
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Clubwomen's News

Officers Elected—At the regular meeting of South Saanich Women's Institute Mrs. W. McNally was elected president, and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell vice-president. Secretary for the

coming year will be Mrs. J. Patterson and Mrs. A. Hafer will be treasurer. Mrs. H. Facey was elected director. Reports were given of the year's work and of a successful card party held jointly with the Farmers' Institute. It was decided to resume fortnightly card parties beginning Jan. 9. At the conclusion of the meeting, members enjoyed a Christmas party, and Mrs. A. Sutherland, retiring president, was presented with a gift and best wishes of the members.

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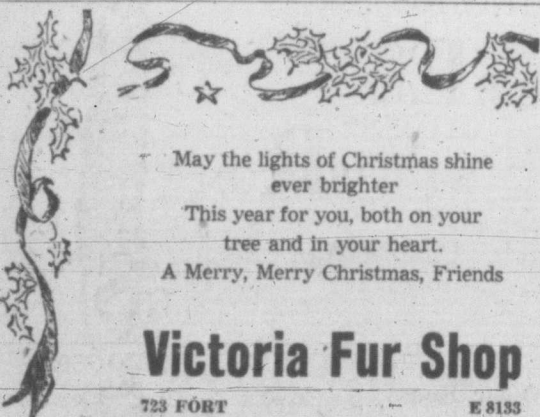
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Icicle Frolic

An Icicle Frolic was held in the Community Hall, Lake Cowichan, last Saturday night, sponsored by the Lahome Girls' Drill team. Penguins and reindeer decorated the walls with greenery and

frosted boughs adding the wintry touch to scene. Giant bells covered the lights and a huge Christmas tree completed the effect. During the evening, balloons were released for the dancers. A sitdown supper was served in the dining-room.



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Parties Arranged Boxing Day Precede Snowball Frolic

Boxing Day means "Snow Ball" for a great many Victorians who are planning to attend the annual dance, which is always a major social event during the Christmas season, and is sponsored this year by the Solarium Junior League.

Several parties have been arranged to precede the dance. Members of the committee, of which Mrs. Graham Harris is convener, and their friends plan to meet at the Empress Hotel before the ball. In the party will be Mr. and Mrs. Graham Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. George Wellburn, Mr. and Mrs. V. DiCastri, Mrs. D. McMaster, Miss Peggy Wharton, Mr. R. McCartney and Mr. E. Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lund are entertaining at a cocktail party before the ball, when their guests

will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Halkett, Miss Day Murray, Miss Margaret Angus, Mr. Gordon Whiting, Mr. Cap Thorsen and Mr. Humphrey Davy.

Another pre-dance cocktail party is arranged by Mrs. Daphne Scott and Mrs. Joanne Fairweather, whose guests will be Mr. and Mrs. B. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Fulthorpe, Miss Lorraine Powers, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. Pat Russell and Mr. G. Wilkinson.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Mann will be Miss Gwen Mann, Miss Joan Saul, Mr. Jack Smith and Mr. Alex Crouch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Tomlinson are also entertaining a few friends, including Mr. and Mrs. W. Fell and Mr. and Mrs. H. Godfrey, and at a party given by Mr. and Mrs. D. Monk will be Mr. and Mrs. C. Mudge, Miss Pat Dalby and Mr. Harold Bonner.

Women With Airlines Rebel At New Rules

LONDON (Reuter) — Twenty-five women employees of British Overseas Airways Corporation today described as "outrageous" new regulations ordering them to stop using perfume and to modify their makeup.

But officials in charge of the girls, who work in the traffic division and are responsible for seeing that passengers board the right planes at London Airport, insisted the instructions are "reasonable."

The girls also have been told they must not be seen without uniform hats while at work.

As the issue appeared deadlocked, an official of American Overseas Airlines injected a discretionary word. He said A.O.A. girls are restricted to perfume "which is not of an offensive odor."

Christmas Party—The Christmas party of Xi Chapter Beta Sigma Phi was held in the attractively-decorated rooms of Uplands Golf clubhouse. Forty couples danced to the music of Len Johnston's orchestra, and at the close of the evening refreshments were served. Miss Irene Scott, convener of the social committee, was in charge of arrangements.

A Christmas party with all the trimmings, including crackers, large balloons for each guest to take home, party games, and moving pictures of Mickey Mouse was given by Mrs. B. H. Barry for her daughter Marica, at her St. Patrick Street home Monday afternoon. Guests included Lynn Archer, Joanne Kelly, Donna Atkins, Wendy Lane, David and Paul Kendrick, Allan Cole, Walter and Robbie Grant, Jimmy Hall and Ronny Waterman.

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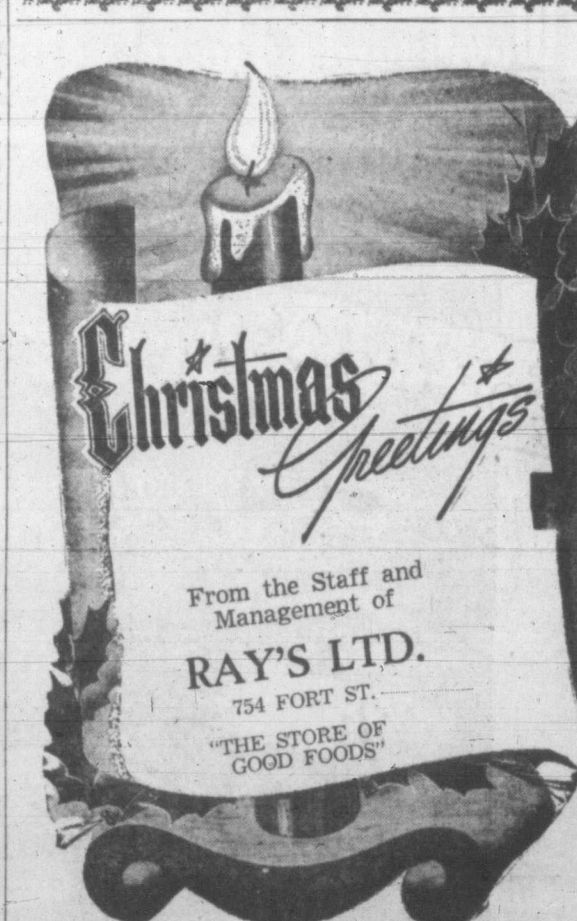


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Personal Notes

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lewis, Esquimalt Avenue, will be at home to friends Christmas Day.

Miss Bunty McKay is flying from Vancouver this evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Angus McKay, 24 Olympia Avenue.

Recently returned to their Joan Crescent home are Mr. J. C. Thow, manager Canadian Bank of Commerce in Victoria, and Mrs. Thow, who have been attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Toronto. During their three-week trip, Mr. and Mrs. Thow spent a few days in Ottawa, visiting friends.

Miss Ilace Roskelley will be a tea-hour hostess Saturday at the Empress Hotel to honor three college friends, home for the holidays, Miss Margaret Hodson and Miss Mary Paterson, University of British Columbia, and Miss Pat Schofield of the University of Washington. Other guests will be Miss Joan Gonnason, Miss Dorothy Willis, Miss Mary Gill, Miss Ruth Gray, Miss Doreen Knott, Miss Gerry Miles and Miss Mildred Cox.

Following an absence of 12 years, Miss Alice Carey has returned to Victoria to spend Christmas and New Year with her mother, Mrs. E. G. Carey, 1693 Chandler Avenue. Miss Carey intends to remain in the city for at least six months.

Christmas Eve will find Mr. and Mrs. A. Victor Clarke in Chemainus where they will be guests of Mrs. Clarke's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Bryant, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke will return to their home, 321 Moss Street, following the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunderdale will have as guests at their Carey Road home Mrs. Dunderdale's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gardner of Spuzzum, B.C., and her brother, Mr. John Devlin of Vancouver, for the Christmas holidays. Another sister, Mrs. J. C. McEachern, with her husband and son, returned to their home in Vancouver Monday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Dunderdale.

Mr. and Mrs. Justin V. Harbord entertained the staff of Harbord Insurance Ltd. and their wives at a cocktail party and dinner in the private dining-room of Oak Bay Beach Hotel, when special guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hogg, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baker. Dancing and refreshments were enjoyed later in the evening at the Century Room of Melody Lane Restaurant.

Mr. W. Charles Cooper, who is studying for his Ph.D. at Princeton University, and Mr. Norman R. Cooper, a student in aeronautical maintenance engineering at Parks College of Aeronautical Technology, East St. Louis, Illinois, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper, 251 Government Street.

Miss Mavis Barnes was a hostess recently at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Barnes, Hollywood Crescent, at a Christmas tea in honor of Miss Marjorie Wilcox who is to be married soon. Rooms were decorated in the Christmas motif and the gifts arranged under a decorated tree. Afternoon tea was served from a table centred with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums. Guests were Daphne Collins, Lillian Lidstone, Shirley Bowers, Sheila Watson, Sheila Young, Marcia Boyce, Marian Gibbs, Margot King, Pam Major, Pat George, Anne Beketov, Mavis Jones, Marie Blake, Verle Leith, Diana Arnot and Thirrell Lipsey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hood with their sons, Bruce and Alan, have arrived in the city from San Francisco to spend the Christmas season with Mr. Hood's parents, Rev. and Mrs. James Hood, 465 Grafton Street, Esquimalt. On Sunday morning, Rev. James Hood will preach his farewell sermon, on the eve of his retirement, having completed 50 years of active ministry. On the fol-

In Step With Style

New Emphasis—This season emphasis is placed on the new neckline—billowy collars, stand-up collars, ruffled effects, which are part of the latest suit and dress styles. To match, floral artists have designed corsage bouquets to play up the new neckline and found new places to put them. Instead of hewing to the traditional left shoulder, corsage bouquets are switched to the right, even put squarely on top of the shoulder as an epaulet

or hug the neck, or are posed pertly under the chin.

Spanish mantilla-type silk lace squares, handmade in France before the war, have been imported by Bloch Freres just in time for fall distribution. Carried as kerchiefs or worn as coiffure coverage, these fragile beauties of black or white incite an ultra-feminine mood in evening accessories. In many of the finer specialty stores mantillas of black Alencon lace have been matched with long mitts, fashioned with a pointed tip over the hand and extending far above the elbow. Black sequins or jet beads frequently highlight the delicate lace design and add glittering formality.

7 Sisters Escape Fire

WATERVILLE, Que. (CP)—Seven sisters of the Sacred Heart Convent in this eastern townships town escaped possible injury Tuesday night when their two-story wooden building was gutted by fire. The building houses a girls' school and sleeping quarters for 150 students, away on holiday leave at the time.

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Covent Garden Area Oasis For London's Tired Tipplers

LONDON (CP)—Tired tipplers in search of a final drink before the milkman calls, generally head for the Covent Garden area just north of the Strand, where London's wholesale vegetable, fruit and flower trading is carried on early each day.

The lodestone is a group of five public houses spaced around the intersection of Long Acre and Bow Street—licensed to sell spirits between 5 a.m. and 9 a.m., the middle of the working day for the porters, buyers and salesmen who work in the market.

In theory a publican may not serve any person whose work is not connected with Covent Garden, but in practice the bartenders will pull a friendly beer for any late passer-by who still seems relatively sober.

If he wanted to tell the difference between a prosperous, dressed fruit-buyer and a City broker en route to the exchange, it would be simple. Covent Garden drinkers have a rhyming slang all their own.

Half a cup of tea is a mixture of tea and scotch—at favorite

drinks: Bay of Biscay is whisky; tumbler and thumb, rum; Verbynn (radio entertainer), is gin; Daily Mail, ale; Lancashire lass, bass; apple fritter, bitter (beer); rose and crown, brown (ale); merry and bright, light (ale).

Finally the market man calls for an old frog and toad—one for the road.

WORTH \$10,700,000
 The whole market covers about 10 acres, 7½ of which, including the site and building of the Royal Opera House, belongs to Covent Garden Properties and is estimated worth \$2,675,000 (\$10,700,000). About 160 wholesalers have stands and shops in the district and about 3,000 porters and traders work there daily.

The ancient byways which cover ground once part of the "Convent Garden" of Westminster Abbey are jammed during business hours by slow-moving trucks and horse-drawn wagons piled periscope high with fruit and vegetables. Drivers exchange good-humored but strenuously blasphemous oaths as they squeeze through tiny spaces.

Over the whole scene hangs a rich stench of old sacking, onions, an occasional rotting potato and human sweat—relieved here and there by a whiff of rose blossoms or gardenias.

British Miners Again Near Prewar Output

LONDON (Reuter)—British coal miners won another victory in the battle to regain prewar output totals last week when they produced 4,400,600 tons of coal, the highest weekly total since July, 1940.

It was the ninth week the miners had topped the 4,000,000-ton mark, and it left only 2,156,100 tons of coal to be mined to reach the National Coal Board's new target of 196,000,000 tons for the 52 weeks ending Dec. 31. Christmas holidays, however, were expected to reduce this week's output.



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Junior Chamber Gives Party At Orphans' Home



Children of the B.C. Protestant Orphanage were again feted at a Christmas party Tuesday night—this time at their Cook Street home under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Joe Manton acted as Santa Claus for the evening and distributed ice cream, candy and toys to every child at the party. The evening concluded with carol singing. Seen in the picture, preparing for the party by decorating a large tree in the main dining-room at the home, are, left to right at foot of tree: Mrs. F. Norris, Fred Norris, Clyde Elford, Miss Ruth Jackson, Phyllis Megford, Donald Gannar, kneeling: Mrs. Brent Murdoch, Miss Jessie McDowell, Norm Parkins and Brent Murdoch. On the ladder at left is John Rockingham and Eva Lind Hunter. On the right ladder is Ted Chubb and Shirley Brodie.

Insincerity Blocking Road To Peace, Says Pope In Broadcast

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius, in his annual Christmas message, declared today that a "policy of insincerity" among nations was blocking the path to peace and called for a "league of honest men" to safeguard the world against war.

The Pontiff specifically blamed "a growing tendency toward insincerity" for collapse of the recent Foreign Ministers' conference in London, which he said had left the world "further than ever from the true peace."

He sharply condemned those countries which, he said, had adopted "the lie and the garbled word" as "accepted weapons of offense" in an effort to "win at any cost the battle of class interest and theories, of ideologies and power politics."

NO NAMES MENTIONED
 The Pontiff named no names in placing the blame for the present state of world affairs, but his 4,400-word address contained many passages which western listeners, at least, interpreted as condemnation of communism and of the postwar policies of the Soviet Union.

The Pope spoke for 38 minutes from his apartment in the Apostolic Palace and his address was broadcast to the world by the Vatican radio and Italian stations. It is being rebroadcast in 12 languages today and tomorrow.

Despite a cold, which forced him to cancel the traditional ceremony of receiving Christmas greetings from the College of Cardinals, the Pontiff was in good voice as he delivered—for the second successive year—a strong appeal for peace and an attack on the men and policies obstructing its achievement.

"After another prewar year charged with miseries, sufferings, delusions and privations," he said, "whoever has eyes to see and ears to hear must be arrested at sight of this dolorous and humiliating fact:

"Europe and the world today are further than ever from the true peace, from a full and perfect healing of their ills, from establishment of a new order in harmony, equilibrium and justice."

The Pope spoke of the "titanic struggle between two opposing spirits," now going on in the world and declared that hate united one faction while love welded the other into "a vast league" for good.

MADE INTO SYSTEM
 Insincerity and the want of

regard for the truth "have today been erected into a system elevated to a degree of strategy in which the lie, the misrepresentation of words and facts, and deceit have become a classic offensive arm, which some manage with skill and are proud of their skill."

He was particularly forceful as he warned Roman Catholics that those who today oppressed "dignity and human liberty" would proceed tomorrow to the "suppression of all healthy and independent religious activity."

The Pontiff's voice filled with emotion as he declared the collapse of the London Conference of Foreign Ministers was a "tangible result of this mistrust" pervading the world.

The winning of the peace required sacrifices as great as the winning of the war.

On this Christmas the Pope appealed to "all honest men" to unite for "the rehabilitation of the world."

"It is obvious," the Pope said, "that a Europe shivering and feverish from economic difficulties and social chaos yields more readily to the seductions and illusions of an illusory 'ideal State' than a healthy Europe with her vision clear."

Some listeners saw a condemnation of Italian Communists in the Pope's assertion that here in Rome, "on the sacred soil of a city where God has established the chair of Peter, the emissaries of a concept of life and human society based on atheism and violence . . . are doing their utmost to convince her sons that they have discovered and set up a new culture more worthy of man than the ancient and eternally youthful Christian civilization."

He called on Romans to arouse themselves and "take up the arms of faith and courage."

Leaves Christmas Eve For The Barrenlands

On the eve of Christmas season, Peter Rodstrom of Yellowknife, N.W.T., will return to the barren-lands town, leaving Victoria tonight for Vancouver, and proceeding by air to Yellow-

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Seek To Prevent War Crimes Trials

NEW YORK (AP)—Federal court action will be sought by a Hayward, Calif., law firm to halt the Nuernberg war crimes trials as a "farce" and a "waste of the taxpayers' money," John J. Purchio, a member of the firm, said here.

Purchio returned here by plane from Germany, where he and another associate of the firm—Foley and Carroll—represented defendants in several U.S. Army courts-martial.

He said Carroll will return shortly and that the two will go to Washington to file a writ of prohibition against the Nuernberg trials. The firm also will seek a Senate investigation of the German prosecutions, Purchio said, on the ground that the defendants are being denied their "basic legal rights."



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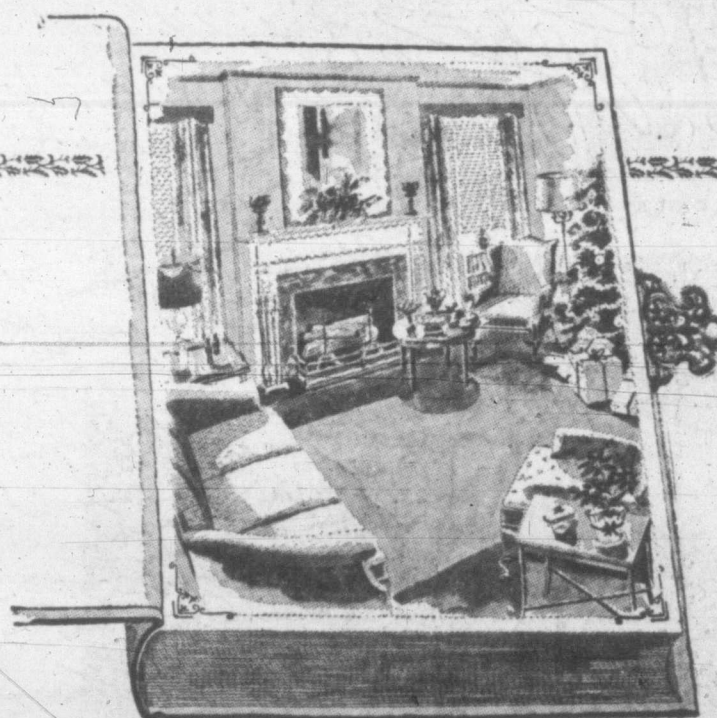


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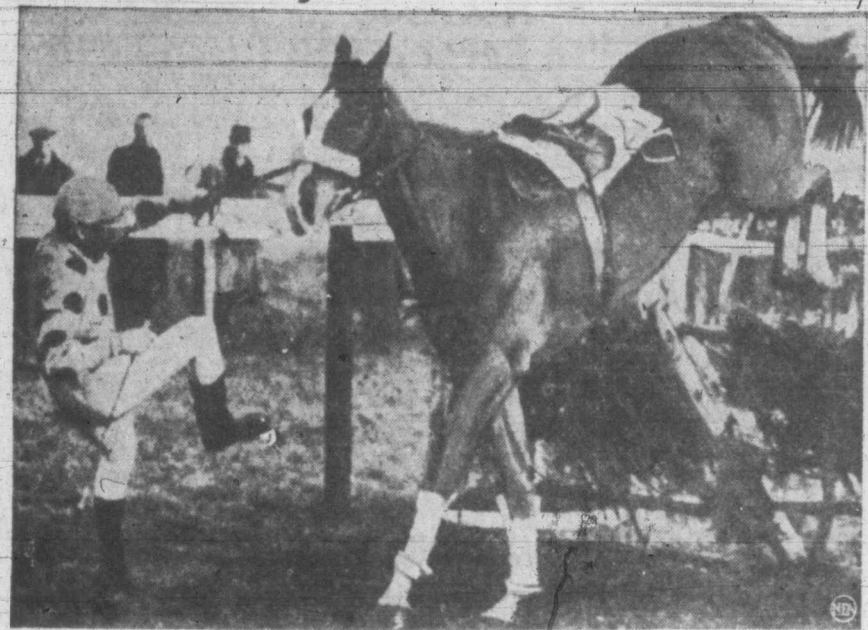
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Like This—That's Right



Pirouetting on one foot, jockey M. Gallagher appears to be pulling his mount, Gold Picture, over the hurdle after he was thrown during the Staines Handicap at Kempton Park, Middlesex, England.

Juvenile Football Standings, Week-end Schedule Released

Local juvenile soccer teams face a busy schedule over the holiday with exhibition games with outside clubs topping the list of scheduled games.

On Boxing Day Tillicums of the fourth division will meet Vancouver Monarchs at Heywood Avenue at 2.15, while Fraser Mills will engage Balmoral Thistles on the same grounds at 1.

The visiting Monarchs will play St. Louis College Saturday at Heywood Avenue at 1, with Fraser Mills playing Y.M.C.A. at 10.30.

League games Saturday will see Esquimalt meeting Quarter Cab in a second division game at Vic West at 1, and Jubilee Pharmacy playing Vets of France at Windsor Park at the same time. A fifth division tilt finds Burnside playing Balmoral Thistles at Central Park at 1.

Heaney's and Eagles of the first division will also see action

Beacon Hill Saturday at 2.15 and Eagles tangling with the Fiji Islanders Sunday at Heywood Avenue at 2.

First-half league standings follow:

DIVISION ONE										
Team	W	L	D	F	A	P	W	L	D	F
Esquimalt	9	1	2	41	9	20	9	1	2	41
Y.M.C.A.	8	2	1	28	7	19	8	2	1	28
MacRae	3	1	1	20	32	7	3	1	1	20
Esquimalt	0	11	0	5	46	0	0	11	0	5

DIVISION TWO										
Team	W	L	D	F	A	P	W	L	D	F
Vets of France	9	2	0	30	18	18	9	2	0	30
Jubilee	8	3	1	22	13	17	8	3	1	22
Esquimalt	2	8	2	12	32	22	2	8	2	12
Quarter Cab	1	10	0	9	30	2	1	10	0	9

DIVISION THREE										
Team	W	L	D	F	A	P	W	L	D	F
Pacific Meat	10	0	0	33	1	20	10	0	0	33
Greenes	9	10	0	3	33	9	9	10	0	3

DIVISION FOUR										
Team	W	L	D	F	A	P	W	L	D	F
Tillicums	8	0	0	30	1	16	8	0	0	30
St. Louis	2	4	0	9	2	30	2	4	0	9
Esquimalt	0	4	0	2	30	0	0	4	0	2

DIVISION FIVE										
Team	W	L	D	F	A	P	W	L	D	F
Thistles	5	1	20	4	11	5	5	1	20	4
Y.M.C.A.	1	6	0	3	26	3	1	6	0	3
Burnside	1	6	0	3	26	3	1	6	0	3

Glenn Davis Wants To Leave U.S. Army

WASHINGTON (AP)—Glenn (Junior) Davis, former West Point football star, has asked the United States Army for permission to leave the service.

Davis was graduated from the academy last June and commissioned a second lieutenant. Under West Point regulations, he is bound to serve eight years in the army unless released earlier. His application asks for such a release, but no reason was announced.

The handsome Melrose Cafe Cup that goes to the member who reels in the weightiest spring salmon during the course of the year wound up in a two-way tie. Both Jensen, a derby top man, and "Doc" Smith breastroasted the forefront with 33½-pound, silver-brown specimens and will share the big-fish trophy on a six-months' basis.

Also by virtue of their catches this pair will also share possession of the Cy Bernard Cup, awarded to the member angler taking the biggest spring out of inlet waters during the months of July, August and September.

Richard Will Be Lost To Canadians For Several Games

MONTREAL (CP)—Examination of Maurice Richard's leg today showed that the ace Montreal Canadiens' right-winger has not got water on the knee as feared at first, but that the injury is serious enough to keep the Rocket out of National Hockey League action for 10 more days.

"It isn't water on the knee that's bothering him," said trainer Bill Head. "It's fluid on the muscle above the knee. He won't be able to practice for a week and will have to report for treatments daily."

Coach Dick Irvin said he doesn't plan any changes in the "Habits" line-up from the one that edged New York 4 to 3 Sunday. Joe Carveth will take Richard's place on the punch line with Elmer Lach and Toe Blake.

Cleveland To Stage Bout As Title Affair

CLEVELAND (AP)—The Cleveland Boxing Commission today said it would recognize the winner of the Ezzard Charles Archie Moore bout here Jan. 13 as the light-heavyweight champion and recommended to the National Boxing Association that similar action be taken in 30 member states.

Commission chairman Andrew Putka asserted also that if light-heavyweight champion Gus Lesnevich would agree to meet the winner of the bout, the commission would classify it as a meeting of "N.B.A.'s two outstanding challengers" for the crown.

SOCCER LINE-UP

Canadian Legion line-up for the soccer game with Victoria West Boxing Day follows: Holt, Burt, Smith, Brown, S. Robbins, McCracken, Duncan, Glenross, McCartney, Pennington, Pickup, C. Robbins and Andrejkew.

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Carded on the holiday sports picture for those fans seeking some relaxation from the heavy round of festive duties are three major athletic events.

Christmas Day will see the 28th annual Polar Bear Plunge in the inner harbor at 11 while on Boxing Day the Crimson Tide will meet Vancouver in an inter-city McKechnie Cup rugby clash at Macdonald Park at 2.30. Vic West will meet Canadian Legion in a Boxing Day soccer fixture at Athletic Park at 2.

Vancouver Lions, who earlier in the season were rated as a possible threat to Varsity Thunderbirds only to lose out in their first cup match to the Students, are bringing over a star-studded line-up for the holiday encounter.

Names such as Ken Marshall and Derek Hyde-Lay, the ex-Scottish internationals, Marco Gandossi who gave such a brilliant performance for Rowing Club against J.B.A.A. a few weeks ago, Lloyd Williams, Barney

Curby and Sam Caros grace the line-up of the mainland squad. Local fans will remember Rowing Club's visit, and the fine display the team turned in against the Bays in the A. H. Cox trophy game. Well just to give you an idea of what the locals will be up against in their first test, the Vancouver line-up lists no less than eight Rowing Club stalwarts as starters.

Probable fifteen that will represent Lions is: Marshall, full-back; Curby, Williams, Kinder, Hyde-Lay, Gandossi, three-quarters, Fitzsimmons, scrum half, and Buzz Moore, Dave Moon, Jack Corcoran, Colin Kennedy, Jack Ewart, Alex Mahood, Bill LeWarne and Caros as forwards.

REP LINE-UP

Anxious to start the Rep series with a victory, coach Campbell Forbes will field the same squad, barring last-minute changes, that was announced following the final test match Saturday.

The team is a well-balanced one with a speedy three-quarter line and a fairly heavy but fast set of forwards.

Veteran George Biddle who had much to do with Varsity's success last year and Geoff d'Easum another ex-mainlander with McKechnie Cup experience are newcomers to the Tide and should prove to be invaluable to the local cause.

Eight hardy individuals will take to the 50 degree tempera-

ture of the waters of the Inner Harbor in the Christmas Day swim sponsored by the Victoria Amateur Swimming Club.

John Limer, winner of last year's event, will be on hand to defend his laurels against the other five mermen and two mermaids over the 50-yard distance. To the winner will go the Capt. Harbord trophy.

Two entries have been received from Vancouver in addition to the six local starters. Entered from the Y.M.C.A. are Len Coverdale, Don Wilson and

Mardelle Behnen, and from the V.A.S.C., Bill Doddridge, Limer and Margaret Ward.

Competitors are asked to report to the Crystal at 10.30 to prepare for the event.

The race will finish at the float in front of the Empress Hotel. Tommy Wellburn and Vic Lindall are in charge of the course. Bill Robertson is chief handicapper, Gordon Barrie is in charge of the swimmers, with George I. Warren and Tommy Balnave judges.

Late entries will be accepted.

Chicago Hawks May Be Hockey 'Sleeper'

It may be a little early yet, but Chicago fans who watched the Black Hawks in action last night are ready to proclaim the National Hockey League stumblebums of the last few months as a possible "sleeper" when the chips are down next spring.

Boasting five wins in their first 25 games, the Hawks took on New York Rangers—the team that was knocking the opposition for a loop in early December—and cooled out the Blueshirts with a 7 to 1 trimming.

It was a pretty gesture toward Chicago coach Johnny Gottselig, who coached the club to a dreary last-place finish last season and will hand over the reins to Charlie Conacher next week. Johnny will be even happier in his new role as general manager if his boys take a reef in the third-place Bruins in Boston tomorrow night.

Another smiling face in the Chicago camp belonged to rookie Metro Prystai, a one-man team with the Moose Jaw Canucks last season when the western club reached the Canadian junior finals.

Armed with a heavy file of press clippings and the sure-fire nickname of "Marvelous," Prystai has been considerably less than a ball of fire with the Chi-

SUMMARY
First Period—1. Chicago, 2:22; 2. Chicago, Conacher (Natrass), 13:02; 3. New York, Warlick (O'Connor, Edoloff), 16:17. Penalties: Conacher, Natrass, Goldham, Trudell.
Second Period—4. Chicago, Prystai (Pelle, Stewart), 14:16; 5. Chicago, Prystai (Dietrich, Goldham), 14:44. Penalties: Judd, Marston (major), Watson.
Third Period—6. Chicago, Pelle (Goldham), 3:49; 7. Chicago, Hamill, 14:42; 8. Chicago, Hamill (Conacher, Goldham), 17:23. Penalties: Gardner, Gladish, Judd (major), Pelle (major), Lewick, Prystai.

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By PETE SALLAWAY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

WHEN old Kris Kringle rides over Victoria tonight in time-honored fashion, with his bagful of toys and goodies for the young fry, he might just slip in a few extra presents for the city's sports leaders. There are several gifts which would be most welcome. Take Archie McKinnon for instance. In his Christmas morning mail nothing could be more timely than official notification of his appointment as coach of the Canadian swimming team for next year's Olympic Games.

To Roy Barnes, manager of the Victoria United, Santa could pass along the know how on what strategy to adopt for a couple of victories over the powerful St. Andrews and North Shore soccer elevens of Vancouver. Barnes feels confident he has the material but would like old Nick to look into his crystal ball and advise him on just how to use it to the best advantage.

VICTORIA Baseball Club would like a flood of mail during the next few days containing the contracts of some really outstanding players for next season's edition of the Athletics. Business manager Reg Patterson would feel extra happy if a name short-stop should pop up out of nowhere right about now. Victoria line-up for the 1948 campaign appears set except for the all-important short patch.

ALTHOUGH he is not worrying about starting Friday's McKechnie Cup rugby match as a definite underdog coach Campbell Forbes of the Crimson Tide would appreciate it if Santa would provide his forward wall with a little added punch and zip to ensure the speedy local three-quarters with possession of the ball the majority of the time. Forbes realizes Vancouver Reps are going to enjoy a big edge up front and it is going to take something special like the magic hand of St. Nick to get him a winner.

LAST but not least Santa really open up your heart and get the softballers, Canadian footballers and track and field performers the new enclosed card they have set their hearts on. Enlighten the city fathers on just how they are going to find that \$25,000 to put Savory Park into condition for these young athletes.

A REAL job for the old gentleman with the long whiskers would be to find some real "slimon pure" hockey players for the Canada's Olympic team. I would hasten to point out that I think such an undertaking is even beyond the capabilities of Santa Claus. It begins to look as if the Dominion will have to be satisfied with a mediocre club that is sure to get its ears pinned back at St. Moritz.

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Slams, Bouquets, Advice

By WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK (AP)—As is our wont, it being a very economical way of expressing the Yuletide spirit, we this year again confine our giving to advice, sympathy and understanding, fully realizing the advice will not be taken, the sympathy is unwanted, and the understanding will be misunderstood.

Anyway, here's a stocking full:

ADVICE
Joe Louis—Don't jeopardize the great esteem in which you are held by belittling Jersey Joe Walcott and hinting you might not meet him in June. Silence in your case, is golden. Instead of drying out before the next fight, it would be better to dry up.

UNDERSTANDING
Ted Williams—You led the American League in just about everything offensively, so you probably wonder just what a fellow has to do to be rated most valuable player. You took it like a man, though. We've all had similar disappointments.

SYMPATHY
Burt Shotton—It's tough to build a mansion when have some one come along and say: "Par-don me, but this is my lot." Everybody appreciates the fine

job you did with the Dodgers, and respects you for the way you quietly stepped aside for the return of Duerocher.

Floyd Bevens—We know how it would be to be drooling for a piece of pie, then have it splatter on the floor just when we were ready to take a bite, so we appreciate how you felt when Cookie Lavagetto dropped that ninth-inning double against the right-field wall to ruin your world series' no-hit game.

Cookie Lavagetto—We've all been up one day and down the next, so your hero role of one day and goat role the next in the series is good for a good cry.

ST. LOUIS BROWNS—Nobody seems to appreciate you are trying to build with youth. We know what it would be like to have everybody criticizing every move we make. Its your business, anyway.

And if its any of our business, we wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Shoot On Sunday

Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association will hold another skeet and trap shoot at its Goldstream clubhouse grounds Sunday. Shooting will start at 10 in the morning and continue until dusk. All who wish to try their hand in the sport, whether affiliated with the club or not, are invited to take part.

Hockey Standings

Team	W	L	T	P	Goals	Pts.
Toronto	13	7	6	84	65	32
Detroit	13	5	6	83	69	31
Boston	12	8	6	78	66	28
Rangers	11	11	3	81	90	25
Canadians	10	11	4	83	66	24
Chicago	6	18	2	85	120	14

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1947 Bonanza Year For Promoters In Britain

By JACK SULLIVAN

LONDON (CP)—A few silver clouds managed to pierce an otherwise grey British sports picture during 1947.

With only slight alterations—change of names and figures—the story followed the pattern of the previous year when well-fed foreign competitors went home with British titles in their baggage. British athletes, however, showed signs they were slowly regaining the form that gave prewar stars the reputation of being anything but pushovers.

But if British victories in international play were few, free-spending fans made 1947 a bonanza year for promoters. Unable to buy all the goods they wanted, they spent their money on sport. Cricket, soccer, boxing, rugby and motorcycle speedway, horse and greyhound racing presented balance sheets in glistening black.

A treacherous winter, accompanied by the fuel crisis, almost wiped out sports early in the year, but it rebounded with the spring. Midweek greyhound-racing meetings were banned to save electricity and reduce labor absenteeism, but many tracks held "double-headers" on Saturdays and the pari-mutuel machines clicked merrily over receipts estimated at £200,000,000 (\$800,000,000).

One 1947 bright spot was the revival of cricket. First-class county clubs provided sparkling

play through the season and 3,000,000 supporters—a record—showed their appreciation of the sudden, fighting spirit. England decisively beat South Africa in a five-test series—three victories and two draws—and this helped tremendously to boost sagging spirits.

A steady stream of Americans, loaded with steaks and well-stocked golf bags, who toured the country's fairways, found the opposition stiffer this year. They won the Walker Cup at St. Andrews, but only after a blistering last-round drive against the British amateurs. Willie Turnesa won the amateur championship and Babe Didrikson Zaharias captured the women's title.

But the golfers of the year were Fred Daly from Belfast and Australia's Norman von Nida. Daly won the British open and the professional match-play championship, and von Nida, far

and away the outstanding tournament player, won more than £3,000 (\$12,000) in prize money.

It was another disastrous year for British tennis. Wimbledon's famed centre court was bare of British stars in the final rounds, giving way to Americans and Australians, with Jack Cramer, California star who now is a professional, taking the men's singles and fellow-American Margaret Osborne the women's.

WOODCOCK'S FAILURE

Boxing also presented a gloomy picture. The fortunes of Bruce Woodcock, Britain's heavyweight champion whose star shone bright in 1946, turned a full cycle and the Doncaster railroader now is almost in obscurity.

Placed near the top as a Joe Louis contender, he met ponderous, lightly regarded Joe Baksi of Pittsburgh in April, took an unmerciful pummeling in seven rounds, and hasn't been fit to enter the ring since.

French-bred racehorses, which won more than \$150,000 for their owners in 1946 stakes, ended the 1947 season with total earnings of approximately \$75,000, but the year cannot be termed "disastrous" for British owners.

British bloodstock in export markets earned \$12,000,000 in hard-currency areas during the first nine months of this year, compared with \$8,000,000 for 1946.

Still, two of the classics were won by "outsiders." Irish-bred Caughoo, a 100 to 1 longshot, won the Grand National; and Pearl Diver, also a 100 to 1 starter, won the Derby for France. British-bred Sayajirao galloped home the winner of the St. Leger classic.

Outstanding sports personality was the 43-year-old jockey Gordon Richards, who ended the eight-month flat-racing season with 269 victories—a record which may never be approached by any other rider. Gordon also won the British championship for the 20th time in 23 years.

Here's A Long, Cool One



Toronto centre Ted Kennedy (on ice) and New York Rangers' centre Buddy O'Connor tangle during first-period battle for loose puck at Madison Square Garden. Toronto trimmed Rangers 4 to 1.

Mad Scramble For Leading Berth In Quebec Hockey Loop

MONTREAL (CP)—The battle for first place in the Quebec senior hockey league, the province's premier senior circuit, has turned into a mad scramble between the top four teams as the season nears the half-way mark.

Shawinigan Falls Cataracts, Ottawa Senators, Montreal Royals, Allan Cup champions, and Quebec Aces, who are running in that order with 34, 33, 30 and 29 points respectively, Boston Olympics in fifth spot are 15 points back of Quebec, while the other two clubs, Valleyfield Braves and New York Rovers, trail far behind.

In Quebec's other senior circuit, the Provincial Hockey League, Victoriaville Tigers have overtaken the early pace-setters, Sherbrooke St. Francis, and now hold a six-point lead over the hand-picked Sherbrooke club. The other three teams, St. Hyacinthe Galois, Lachine Rapides and Cornwall Cougars have been unable to gain much headway against the top two.

JUNIOR PLAY

The juniors are enjoying their best season ever with the province's only junior "A" loop, the Junior Amateur Hockey Association—traditionally a Montreal league—having three out-of-town entries for the first time. They are, Three Rivers, Valleyfield and Quebec, who with six Montreal district teams make up a high-calibre league.

Sylvio Mantha's Montreal Nationales have dominated the circuit so far, with 13 victories, two draws and only one defeat.

Montreal Royals, Quebec Citadels, Verdun Cyclones, Three Rivers Reds and Montreal Canadiens, last year's eastern Memorial Cup finalists, will carry a lot of weight when play-off time rolls around.

Fight Results

BROOKLYN—Herbie Krowitz, 158½, New York, outpointed Jimmy Mangia, 158, New York, 8.

Preacher Gets \$4

To Mention Musician

NEWTON ABBOT, England (Reuter)—Before the Vicar of Ilington Village, near Newton Abbot, preaches his Christmas Day sermon he will receive £1 (\$4) in cash on condition that he mentions the name of an itinerant musician who roamed the Devonshire countryside with his violin 250 years ago.

The musician, William Candy, made a fortune from his playing and bought a farm in the village. When he died in 1727 he left £1 annually to the vicar, providing his name was mentioned in church on Christmas Day.

The remaining revenue from the farm he devoted to clothing for the poor to be distributed on the same day—a bequest which this year will benefit 11 villagers to the extent of a new sports jacket each. Clothing coupons must be provided by the applicants, however.

Strike Of Seattle Mechanics At End

SEATTLE (AP)—Striking automobile mechanics voted 629 to 134 Tuesday night to accept a management settlement offer of \$1.75 an hour and return to work this morning.

The men, ending a strike which began in early summer, are back on the job in time to receive a "Christmas present" of \$24 holiday pay for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, leaders said.

The Seattle Auto Dealers' Association met the union's demand of \$1.75 an hour.

Hamilton Tigers Leave Friday For Junior Grid Final

HAMILTON (CP)—Inactive for several weeks except for practice drills, Hamilton Tigers claimed the layoff had not dulled their football claws as they prepared to leave Friday night to engage Vancouver Blue Bombers for the Dominion junior football crown—official or unofficial.

Finally selected as eastern representatives after the most confusing season on record, the junior tabbies had only to win their Junior Big Four group of the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union to gain the western trip. The Ontario Rugby Football Union, after a jumbled series of disqualifications, failed to declare a champion and Quebec defaulted.

As the Tigers staged final workouts they were not particularly worried if their two-game "evergreen bowl" series with the Bombers Jan. 1 and 3 was recognized by the Canadian Rugby Union as a championship affair or not.

They agreed to play one game under western rules, and one under C.R.U. rules in negotiations with the coast club. C.R.U. officials say "western" rules are "out" but the Vancouver moguls are proceeding with original plans. Under western rules all players are eligible to take advantage of the 10 yards interference whereas only players on the line of scrimmage enjoy that privilege under the C.R.U. code.

LARGE PARTY

Present indications are that about 30 persons will make the trip, including 26 players, one trainer, a coach, manager and the club president, J. M. Piggott Jr.

During the season the jungle-men played nine scheduled league fixtures, losing only two starts one to Toronto Argonauts and the other to Toronto Parkdale. In the playoffs the Tigers showed their class, overcoming a 13-point deficit to down the Argos in a two-game total-point round.

Neilson Stars In Vancouver Ice Win

Mel Neilson was just about all the Vancouver Canucks needed last night. The speedy right wing tapped home three goals in a 4 to 0 Pacific Coast Hockey League victory over the New Westminster Royals at Vancouver.

Johnny Millard got the other marker. It was the only game scheduled in the league, which takes tonight off to observe Christmas Eve.

Tomorrow night San Francisco plays at San Diego. Neilson's three goals brought his professional playing total to 79.

The win repaid the Canucks, to some extent, for their 3 to 0 defeat by the Royals Saturday. That whitewashing was the first time Vancouver had been shut out in 169 league or playoff games.

The 169-game figure is a national record, according to league officials.

Invite City Council To Aged Men's Home

Residents of the Aged Men's Home will celebrate Christmas Day with a full turkey dinner to which Mayor and Mrs. Percy E. George and the members of the city council and their wives have been invited.

A member of the council will present a gift to each of the residents from under the Christmas tree. At 7.30 in the evening, there will be a home talent concert.

There have already been Yuletide festivities at the home, and Monday evening, in the evergreen-decorated main hall the Salvation Army band played Christmas carols.

Secrecy Surrounds Training Grind Of Trojans For Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Michigan's speed and deception against Southern California's weight and prayer—that is still the picture of the New Year's Day game in the Rose Bowl.

Michigan, in other words, remains the top-heavy favorite to hand Southern Cal its second defeat in 10 appearances in Pasadena's rose-trimmed saucer.

There is an element of mystery around the Trojan preparations, however. For the first time in their history, the Trojans have retired to a new setting—Santa Barbara—to drill in utmost secrecy for the New Year's Day engagement.

This was a move apparently calculated by their coach, Jeff Cravath, to repair whatever morale was damaged in the dreadful encounter with Notre Dame Dec. 6 (38 to 7).

And if it is humanly possible to bring his club back off the canvas, Cravath is one realistic individual who can do it.

As for new or refurbished playing strategy, offense or methods of defence to solve the magic of Michigan's Bob Chapuis and mates, this, too, remains in the mysterious file and won't be available for inspection until the cardinal and gold takes the field before those 90,000 spectators a week from tomorrow.

Johnny Crawford Injured In Practice

BOSTON (AP)—Woe piled upon woe today for Boston Bruins who will play Chicago Black Hawks at Boston Garden Christmas night in a National Hockey League game.

Johnny Crawford, able defenceman, suffered a head and leg injury when he slammed into the immovable posts of a goal in yesterday's practice session. The Bruins also are hampered because of injuries suffered by Milt Schmidt, their all-star centre. Fern Flaman is just getting back into action after an injury.

NEW YORK—Lee Q. Murray, 208, New York, knocked out Samus O'Brien, 188, Norfolk, Va., 1.

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Al Brightman Plays Santa To Astoria Pro Cage Team

Strictly of the gift variety—Christmas or otherwise—was Astoria's 72 to 71 triumph over Seattle last night in the evening's only Pacific Coast Professional Basketball League encounter.

Seattle led the Columbia River quintette 71 to 70 with but five seconds remaining only to have the usually reliable Al Brightman, Seattle player-coach, toss the ball inbounds to Andy Anderson, Astoria forward, who whirled in the winning basket.

The Athletics, playing their fifth game in as many nights, held a 14-point lead at the end of the third quarter but it melted away. Ken Hays, Astoria centre, paced scoring with 19 points.

All clubs are scheduled to take tonight off with the league's Christmas gift to the fans coming Thursday at Tacoma when the leading Mountaineers entertain the runner-up Vancouver Hornets.

LEAGUE STANDING		
	Won	Lost
Tacoma	7	3
Vancouver	7	3
Seattle	6	4
Bellingham	6	4
Astoria	5	5
Portland	2	11

Teams and scores follow:
Astoria—Wirkkunen 12, Anderson 13, Hays 19, Warren, Smith 6, Lovelace 4, Magruder 4, Howard 14.

Seattle—Gilbertson 4, Price 8, White 11, Leask 7, Brightman 16, Kottman 10, Watson 6, Dalthrop 9.

Australia Rejects Dinny Pails' Offer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Australia received an offer Tuesday from its tennis champion, Dinny Pails, to help finance its challenge for the Davis Cup, but politely turned it down.

The Australian Lawn Tennis Association disclosed Monday that it might not be able to challenge the United States for the famous trophy next year because of a shortage of American dollars.

Pails, who recently turned pro-

fessional, immediately offered to lend the association a portion of the dollars he will earn on a United States tour opening in New York Friday night.

"It is very good of Pails to make the offer but it is entirely a matter between the association and the federal government and has nothing to do with Pails," said Sir Norman Brookes, A.L.T.A. president.

WINNIPEG (CP)—President Arthur U. Chipman of the Winnipeg Rugby Football Club was elected to his fourth term in that office at the annual meeting of the Bombers executive last night.



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Stirring Music Of Symphony Impresses Church Audience

AUDREY ST. D. JOHNSON

The Victoria Symphony Society, which has already inaugurated many fine and novel events in the city's musical life, was responsible on Tuesday night for one of the most stirring Christmas musical festivals within the memory of most of the huge congregation.

St. John's Church with its muted lights, the burning candles, the white robes of the chorists, the wonderful music of Bach, Handel, Corelli, blended into a splendid service—an ideal commemoration of the Birthday of Christ with Melvin Knudsen leading the Victoria Symphony Orchestra and the new symphony choir, with Frederick Chubb at the organ and the Rev. George Biddle narrating the Nativity according to the Gospel of St. Luke, a program of some of the finest music written on the subject, was beautifully performed. If this venture is to become an annual event, which was a hope expressed by many last night, it will be one to which Victorians will flock in ever greater numbers.

The performance by the orchestra of Corelli's "Christmas Concerto," the most famous of his concerti grossi, was most successful and interesting. Rather than a single solo instrument, Corelli used a group of instruments against the full ensemble to depict the Nativity and angels hovering over Bethlehem. The Concerto closes with a Pastoral of great beauty which was particularly well done.

The sonorous voices of a quartet of brasses from the orchestra, played a Bach Chorale, developing its broad majestic beauty to the full. The choral work in the Holst "Christmas Song" was extremely effective and indicated that this new chorus is to take its place rapidly among the very finest of our musical organizations. The orchestra accompanied this and also, with the organ, a most lovely rendering of "The First Noel." One seemed to be hearing the three carols that were included in the program with new ears. At least, these beautiful songs were given a new aspect, particularly "Silent Night," which had an especially poignant effect as a harp solo. A most fitting conclusion to a program of rare significance and deep reverence, was the exultant performance of the "Hallelujah" Chorus by full orchestra, organ and voices.

Court Fine For Street Fighting

Arjan Singh pleaded guilty to a charge of creating a disturbance in a public place on the night of Dec. 21 in city police court today and was fined \$10 by Magistrate H. C. Hall. Patrick J. Sinnott, acting city prosecutor, told the court accused got into a fight with Alexander Stewart on Fisgard Street which attracted a large crowd. Stewart, who has been charged similarly, was remanded to Dec. 30. No plea was entered.

Christmas Mail Nearly Cleared Up, Says Post Office

All incoming Christmas mail available at the Victoria Post Office this morning has gone out for delivery, according to J. B. Sinclair, postmaster, who reported one of the best years the post office has ever had.

Outgoing mail is almost back to normal and all incoming mail has been disposed of to date. Only mail coming in this afternoon and evening will be left for delivery Boxing Day. To aid in this final clean up, extra letter carriers are being kept on Friday.

The post office this year was not "snowed under," and this was put down to the co-operation of the public in reply to the appeal to mail early for Christmas.

At Bay Street Armories where the huge overflow of parcels is being attended to, things are well in hand despite the fact that this year has been the biggest parcel year ever experienced. All parcels are on their way except those which arrived in this morning, but parcel deliveries will continue until a later hour tonight before closing down for Christmas Day, to begin again Friday.

From Seat In Streetcar Saw Theft Committed

From his seat on a No. 2 streetcar last evening at 7.15 Jack Stevens, 842 Admirals Road, was eye-witness to a bold theft from the Indian crafts shop on Government Street, city police reported.

He saw two men standing by the front of the shop. The door was open "and one of the men knelt down and went into the store and took a purse displayed in the window." He came out and both of the men walked away.

Mr. Stevens was able to furnish the police with a fair description of the men. Shop attendants were informed and reported the purse stolen was an imitation alligator skin type worth \$29.

Mayhew Says Government's Aims Accomplished In 10-Day Session

R. W. Mayhew, Victoria M.P., said here today on his return from Ottawa that the 10-day pre-Christmas session of Parliament had accomplished the two-fold aims of the government—namely the placing before the people for consideration and study of the Geneva trade agreements and the government's plans to meet the shortage of U.S. dollars.

Mr. Mayhew, who will return to Ottawa about the middle of January for the reconvening of Parliament Jan. 26, said that both matters were of vital importance to Canadians not only in the immediate but also in the more distant future.

"First, the government wanted to get before the people of Canada as much of the Geneva trade agreement as possible and as early as possible," said Mr. Mayhew.

"At the same time the government wanted to have placed before the people the two-fold program of Finance Minister Abbott to correct the dollar shortage."

The two phases of the program were the banning and restricting of imports into Canada and levying of excise taxes, along with the long-term program of building up Canadian industries to provide a permanent solution to

the situation which now faces the nation.

"These," he said, "did get a pretty good airing one way and another."

At the same time the government wished to explain to the people details of its plans for the prices of gold so that ample time would be given for consideration of the bill.

Only the Canadian people can solve Canada's current dollar shortage, said Mr. Mayhew, adding that without the co-operation of the people the government's plans would fail.

"Everybody now is thoroughly acquainted with the fact that the aggregate of individual effort is going to solve the problem," he said.

The government also wished to fulfill its promise given on the last day of the last session by Prime Minister King and Veterans' Affairs Minister Ian Mackenzie that plans to increase allowances for members of the armed forces, war pensioners and their dependents and civil servants would be made at the earliest possible date.

Mr. Mayhew emphasized that the success of a democracy depended on an informed public and the government, in calling the pre-Christmas meeting of Parliament, was attempting to keep the Canadian public well informed.

Extra Trips Will Handle Rush Of Christmas Travel

Transportation companies report they are experiencing the usual Christmas rush.

The dispatchers at both the E. & N. Railway and Vancouver Island Coach Lines say the past few days have shown a considerable increase over regular travel on the island. The bus company is today putting over-load buses on the up-island runs. There will be regular bus service to Duncan, Nanaimo, Courtenay, Campbell River, and Port Alberni tomorrow but there will be no service to Salt Spring Island, Jordan River or Keating-West Saanich.

Coach Line buses on the Greater Victoria routes will operate on Sunday schedule with the following additions: Gorge bus from the depot at 11:45; Lake Hill bus from the depot at 11:45, and Cordova Bay bus from the depot at 11:15.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day schedules of the B.C. Electric buses and street cars are advertised elsewhere in this paper.

The flow of passengers between Victoria and Vancouver is also above normal. It is reported, Boat and plane service officials say today and Sunday will be the heaviest days. The C.P.R. Coastal Service office reports all ships are filled but that there is no over-crowding. An extra boat will be put on the Victoria-Vancouver run tonight and two extra boats will be used Sunday night.

T.C.A. reports all flights in and out of the city are full. Eight extra flights have been added to the regular eight flights today and two extra flights will be made tomorrow. T.C.A. also expects Sunday to be a heavy day. They intend to again add eight extra flights for that day.

Hotels report they are full or very nearly full. Visitors have come from far and wide to attend the famous Christmas pageant and dinner to be held at the Empress Hotel.

A small blaze caused by a short circuit in a streetcar at View and Douglas Streets last evening at 5:25 tied up traffic for a while. The fire department quickly appeared on the scene and were back in the fire hall eight minutes later.

Church Services Starting Tonight Will Emphasize Christmas Message

Many Victorians will attend church services this evening and tomorrow to offer prayers of thanksgiving and to ask that the Christmas theme "Peace On Earth; Goodwill Toward Men," be made real and lasting.

Many Anglican churches are planning services both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. At Christ Church Cathedral a Mid-night Eucharist will be held to-night starting at 11:45. Holy Communion services will be held tomorrow at 7, 8 and 9:30 a.m., as well as a Choral Eucharist service at 11. The services will be conducted by Dean Spencer Elliott. St. Barnabas Church on Cook Street will hold a mid-night mass and Holy Communion service tonight at 11:45, a Holy Communion service at 8 Christmas morning and a procession and choral mass at 11. This church will also hold Holy Communion services at 9:30 Boxing Day morning and 7:30 Saturday morning.

A mid-night Holy Communion service will be held at St. Alban's Church in the Oaklands district tonight at 11:30 and Holy Communion services will be held

tomorrow at 8 and 11. A family service will be held at 10. St. Mary's Church, Oak Bay, will hold Christmas Day services at 7, 8, 9:30 and noon on Christmas Day and Communion services at 10:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

St. Mark's Church at Boleskine Road and Tennyson, Avenue will hold Christmas Day services at 8 and 11. Holy Communion will be held Friday morning at 10. St. Saviour's Church, Victoria West, will hold a Eucharist service at 11:45 tonight and a Communion service at 10 on Thursday.

Communion services will be held at St. Luke's Church, Cedar Hill Road, at 7, 8 and noon with Matins at 11. The Lake Hill St. Peter's Mission will hold a Christmas Day Communion service at 9:30. St. George's Church, Cadboro Bay, will hold a mid-night service tonight starting at 11:30, with Communion service at 8:30 and a prayer service at 10:30 tomorrow.

St. Stephen's Church, Mount Newton Crossroads will hold a mid-night Eucharist service Christmas Eve starting at 11:30 and a Holy Communion service tomorrow at 11. St. Martins-in-the-Fields will hold a Choral Communion service at 11:30 tonight and will hold a Communion service tomorrow at 8 with Matins at 11. St. Mary's Church at Saanichton will hold a Communion service at 10:15 tomorrow.

All Catholic churches will hold Mid-night Mass services tonight. Christmas morning masses will be held in St. Andrew's Catholic Cathedral at 7, 8, 9:30 and 11 with the Bishop of Victoria giving the sermon.

United Church people will attend Christmas morning services at the First United Church or Oak Bay United Church. Both services are scheduled for 11. At the First United, Rev. A. E. Whitehouse of the Metropolitan Church will give the sermon and Rev. Hugh McLeod will conduct the service.

The regular 11 a.m. Christmas Day service will be held at the First Baptist Church under Rev. G. R. Easter. J. Ingram-Smith will direct the musical part of the service. A service will be held at the same time at the Central Baptist Church.

There will be no service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Would Make Arena Roof Parking Lot

A novel idea to start the Memorial Arena producing revenue even in its unfinished state has been put forward by F. Allen, 938 Yates Street, in a letter to the city council.

Until such time as materials are available at a fair price to complete the structure, he has applied to have it rented to him for use as a covered parking lot. He has offered to share the take on the parking lot with the city on a 40-60 basis.

Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts' Association, Victoria district, will be held in district headquarters, 1034 Johnson Street, Jan. 15, at 8.

Dragging operations by Provincial Police today resulted in the body of Russell Clark, 22, being recovered from the Sooke River. Police said it is believed he fell into the river this morning near the road bridge and drowned.

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Josephine Crease Dies In 83rd Year

There passed away this morning Josephine Crease, fourth daughter of the late Sir Henry and Lady Crease of Pentrelew. She was in her 83rd year. Surviving her is her brother, A. D. Crease, K.C., and many nephews and nieces.

Miss Crease came to Victoria from England with her mother and two sisters in 1860. A member of the well-known family which has played an important part in the development of Victoria, Miss Crease was loved and respected by a wide circle of friends. She took little part in public affairs but in a quiet, unostentatious manner did numerous kind acts and helped innumerable people.

Funeral will be held Saturday at 2:45 from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel to Christ Church Cathedral where service will be held at 2. Burial will be in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

Juvenile Charged With Mail Theft

A young man of juvenile age has been apprehended by city police for theft of two letters bearing T.B. seal returns from the Post Office. A temporary employee for the Christmas rush, he will be dealt with first in juvenile court, where it will be determined whether he will be sent to senior court.

G. W. Russell, day superintendent of the despatch depot at the Post Office, according to police, saw the young man put some letters in his pocket at noon and when he asked the employee what he had in his pockets the young man handed over two T.B. returns letters. The youngster then ran out of the building, but at 5:30 in the evening was brought in by Det. Sgt. Henry Jarvis and Det. Norman Bath.

1,126,634 Cases Of Herring Canned

Weekly bulletin of the chief supervisor of fisheries showed today that British Columbia's herring canning operations to last week-end had produced 1,126,634 4-lb. cases—compared with 1,110,927 cases on Dec. 29, 1946, and 956,053 cases on Dec. 23, 1945.

Total catch has been 77,413 green tons, more than half of it being caught off the lower east coast of Vancouver Island, and 12,953 tons being caught off the west coast of the island.

Operations of reduction plants have produced 7,212 tons of herring meal and 1,092,837 gallons of herring oil.

Pleads Guilty To Theft Of Coffee

Charles W. Reid entered a plea of guilty today in city police court to a charge of theft of four bags containing 60 pounds of packaged coffee, the property of Macdonald's Consolidated Ltd., and was remanded to Saturday for sentence by Magistrate H. C. Hall.

Sgt. Thomas Banister testified he went into a store off an alleyway on Fisgard Street at 10:45 last night and found the accused dickering to sell the coffee,

Merry Christmas To Be Enjoyed By Seamen In Victoria

Lavish dinners and a program of entertainment have been prepared for deep sea seamen who will be spending Christmas in Victoria.

At the Seamen's Institute, 106 Superior Street, everything has been done to make seafaring men feel at home. The premises have been decorated and a tall Christmas tree has been installed by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ward, who are responsible for the management of the building.

Although some seamen will be having their Christmas dinner at the Seamen's Institute, the majority of them will be eating aboard ship. The crew of the British freighter Sedgpool, now in Esquimalt drydock undergoing extensive repairs to damage caused when she grounded on Prevost Island, will have their Christmas dinner aboard ship.

Approximately 60 Filipinos who have been awaiting the Levuka and Lakemba, which are being reconverted at the Victoria Machinery Depot shipyard, will have their Christmas dinner at the V.M.D. canteen.

Town Topics

A purse containing \$10 and personal papers, owned by Mrs. K. C. Mitchell, Field Apartments, was stolen off the counter of the Coach Lines coffee shop last evening, city police report.

At 8:57 last night the Oak Bay fire department attended in front of the Oak Bay Theatre where a motorcycle was on fire. At 10:55 the department put out a minor blaze caused by a short circuit in a streetcar in the Willows district. Damage was small in both cases.

Citizens of Victoria have a special interest in the Christmas cantata "Noel" which will be presented by Centennial United Church choir on Sunday next at the regular evening service; the composer is Ernest Dicks, F.R.C.O., F.T.C.L., whose sister and niece, Mrs. Harold Pontifex and daughter reside at 417 Niagara Street in this city.

Glenora Cavaliers Taffie, 163268, a Jersey cow bred by W. & M. Waldon, Duncan, and owned and tested by Arthur R. Pressey, Westholme, has completed a senior yearling record of 8,866 lbs. milk, 434 lbs. fat in 365 days, with an average test of 4.89 per cent. Taffie was only one year and 10 months of age when she started her splendid record.

George Eng was found guilty on a charge of dangerous driving at the conclusion of his trial in city police court today and was fined \$40 and had his driver's license suspended for one month by Magistrate H. C. Hall. He was in an accident recently at the intersection of Vining Street and Stanley Avenue. The driver of the other car was fined earlier.

More pen pals are wanted from Victoria. Mrs. Lynne Cross, 3 Dixon Place, Artisan View, Heeley, Sheffield 8, wants a 25-year-old Canadian girl to correspond with her. She says she was a nurse before her husband was demobilized and is interested in sports, films and fashions. Also seeking a pen pal through the good offices of M. F. Hunter, city clerk, is Miss Joyce E. Bird, 100 Will Road, Heeley, Sheffield, England, who wants a pen pal 19 years old.

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Canadians Warned Of Quitting Jobs

OTTAWA (CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell warned in a statement Tuesday it was inadvisable for workers to move from one locality to another unless they have obtained jobs or unless they

have been advised by employment offices that work is available.

Mr. Mitchell made the statement after reports received from various local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission which indicated that at present there was an "appreciable" movement of persons from one part of Canada to another.

Esther Williams In Royal Film

Tiny Sharon McManus has the world's highest paid swimming coach—Esther Williams, former swim champion and now M-G-M glamour star.

Miss Williams taught Sharon

to swim for M-G-M's new technical musical, "This Time for Keeps," in which she and Sharon are seen together in a spectacular water ballet number.

Most thrilling aspects for Sharon, however, is that she not only imitates Miss Williams in the swimming department but in the glamour field as well. She wears an eye-catching bathing suit to match Esthers!

Others seen in the new musical hit, showing at the Royal Theatre starting tomorrow are Lauritz Melchior, Jimmy Durante, Johnnie Johnston and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra. The picture was directed by Richard Thorpe and was produced by Joe Pasternak.

'Copacabana' Coming To Plaza Screen

The life of a Broadway columnist sounds glamorous, because the boys get to meet all the top names in show business, society, politics and government. But, they work at night.

A Broadway columnist who worked the traditional 9-to-5 routine of the ordinary daylight working man would have a fairly blank column every day.

Louis Sobol, syndicated writer of things bright-light for the New York Journal-American, Earl Wilson, daring scribbler for the New York Post and Abel Green, brilliant editor of "Variety," do their stint. They all play themselves in "Copacabana," the highly entertaining Sam Coslow musical, which will come to the Plaza Theatre tomorrow. It is a United Artists release, starring Groucho Marx, Carmen Miranda and Andy Russell.

'Thunder In Valley' Unforgettable Film

Once in a great while there comes to the screen a motion picture of such wonderfully heartwarming quality, and of such truly dramatic grandeur that it remains a rare and unforgettable experience for every moviegoer. Such a picture is "Thunder in the Valley," which, photographed in color by Technicolor, opens tomorrow at the Capitol Theatre.

The outstanding cast starring Lon McCallister, Edmund Gwenn and Peggy Ann Garner, Louis King's supremely sensitive direction, Robert Bassler's beautiful production, and Jerome Cady's brilliant screen play combine to make "Thunder in the Valley" a marvelous screen achievement.

YORK THEATRE

Vincent Price portrays a psychiatrist, torn between his love for a woman who is bad for him, and his own conscience, in "Shock," the 20th Century-Fox psychological drama which is now at the York Theatre, co-starring Lynn Bari.

BBC Yule Program To Emphasize Need Of Men Of Good Will

LONDON (CP)—One of the most ambitious Christmas programs ever attempted by the BBC will be heard by listeners in various parts of the world tomorrow between 2 and 3 p.m., G.M.T., 6 to 7 a.m., P.S.T.

An "Empire Christmas cake" with all the ingredients—voices and scenes from the snows of Canada—from Africa's sunny mountains . . . from the coral strands . . . from the middle Atlantic and from the sky . . . From a miner's cottage in Britain and from a king's residence—all are mixed in with the timing of harmony notes in an orchestra. Should that evil magician, atmospheric, start tricks there is first-aid in an adjoining room in the shape of records made of the whole broadcast during rehearsals.

Theme of the program, third since the war, is the need for men of good will in all lands to unite in order that the world may survive and flourish. Sir John Boyd Orr, spokesman of the United Nations, will respond to Sir Lawrence Olivier's call and he will be followed by voices from the Dominions and from the colonies and from a welfare mission in the Indian plains beyond Delhi.

There will be a broadcast from a hut on Lunenburg Heath, Germany, among British troops and displaced persons. Another will be from the battlefields of Alsace and still another from among the war-scarred children of Pestalozzi school near Zurich, Switzerland.

The King has not rehearsed for his broadcast, but he knows what is expected of him. He will speak from seven to 10 minutes and engineers have three lines ready should anything go wrong.

Joyous Laughter Picture At Atlas

Romance of a hilarious kind motivates "The Bachelor and the Bobby-Soxer." Dore Schary's production for RKO radio with Cary Grant, Myrna Loy and Shirley Temple co-starring and now showing at the Atlas Theatre.

Grant and Shirley, respectively, have the title roles, with Miss Loy as a woman judge who has been too busy with the law and with bringing up her teen-aged sister to pay much attention to men. But when Grant comes into her life, first as a participant in a court hearing and then as the object of the younger girl's mad infatuation, she starts to pay attention in a big way.

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There are gay Christmas parties in the corridors and in the wards throughout the hospital, and the corridors are decorated. Nurses and other hospital workers have been busy making original Christmas favors for every tray on Christmas Day, consisting of a mock silver candle made of a tube of life savers, with a flame

of red cellophane and a cookie base.

Staff dining-rooms are festooned with scarlet and green, and pastoral Christmas scenes have been set up on tables.

Carol singers have been coming to entertain the hospital patients during Christmas week.

All patients on special diets will be given all the traditional Christmas fare Thursday, and even those on special diets will be given as close to the traditional fare as possible, Sister Superior said. Christmas menu cards have been printed to place on each patient's tray.

Resume Construction Of Ontario Smelter

COBALT, Ont. (CP) — Residents of this fabled northern Ontario silver town—ranked fifth among all high-grade silver camps of the world—today looked forward to a new lease on life as construction of North America's largest smelter and refinery plant was resumed after a lapse of nearly a year.

The new plant, owned by the Silanco Mining and Refining Company and situated on the banks of the Montreal River some six miles from here, will have a capacity of 15 tons of concentrate daily for recovery of the constituent metals of the ore—silver, cobalt, nickel and arsenic.

Senator Salter A. Hayden, president of the company, said that to date a total of \$634,000 has been spent on the smelter alone and that the whole project has cost almost \$1,500,000.

W. H. Emens, well-known in mining circles, has been appointed manager of the company and now is making preliminary arrangements for resumption of operations.

Weather

Weather today and tomorrow, valid until midnight Dec. 25:

A flow of warm moist air is spreading northward over British Columbia today ensuing mild weather for Christmas throughout the province. Light rain is general over the coast today and is expected to continue in the southern portion tomorrow.

Vancouver and vicinity, Lower Fraser Valley — Intermittent light rain today and Thursday. Wind light today and Thursday. Continuing mild.

Georgia Strait — Intermittent light rain today and Thursday. Wind southeast 15 today increasing to southeast 25 tonight. Light Thursday. Continuing mild.

Victoria and vicinity — Intermittent rain today and tonight. Overcast Thursday. Wind light today southeast 20 tonight light Thursday. Little change in temperature.

West coast Vancouver Island — Continuous rain today and tonight. Overcast with showers Thursday. Wind southeast 25 today and tonight. Light Thursday. Little change in temperature.

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North Bay	12	22	36	
Port Arthur	12	22	36	
Kenora	12	22	36	
Winnipeg	12	22	36	
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The Pas	12	22	36	
Regina	12	22	36	
Saskatoon	12	22	36	
Prince Albert	12	22	36	
N. Battleford	12	22	36	
Swift Current	12	22	36	
Medicine Hat	12	22	36	
Lethbridge	12	22	36	
Calgary	12	22	36	
Edmonton	12	22	36	
Kamloops	12	22	36	
Penticton	12	22	36	
Vancouver	38	31	45	
Victoria	43	36	50	
Cranbrook	39	41	35	
Crossfield Valley	39	41	35	
Prince Rupert	39	41	35	
Prince George	17	40	37	
Seattle	46	36	56	
Portland	46	36	56	
Spokane	36	42	30	
Chicago	23	23	33	
San Francisco	41	37	45	
Los Angeles	52	37	67	
New York	29	39	38	



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Bringing in the Yule Log is an ancient Christmas custom, and so is the exchange of good wishes among men of good will!

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Want Immigration To Palestine Upped

LONDON (AP) — Jewish leaders Tuesday urged Britain to step up Jewish immigration into Palestine immediately and to withdraw armed Arab formations from areas in the Holy Land which will make up the new Jewish state.

Both official British and Jewish sources reported Colonial Secretary Arthur Creech Jones had promised the delegation governmental consideration.

Meanwhile, official British sources said it is "almost certain" that 16,000 uncensored Jewish immigrants held in Cyprus camps will be allowed to enter Palestine legally by May 15, when Britain will surrender her mandate to the U.N.

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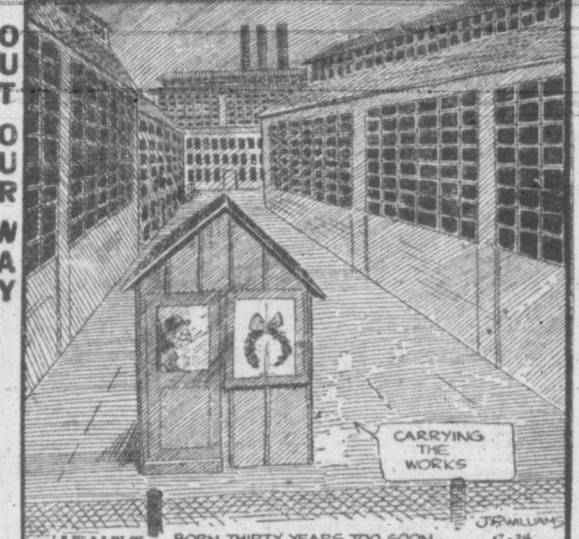
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Victorians Recall Memorable Yuletide Feast Served 'In The Line' In War-Ravaged Ortona, Italy, In 1943

By "CAP" THORSEN

In Victoria today are a number of former wearers of the Seaforth Highlanders' colors of Vancouver who at this period of the year, in the serene peacetime surroundings of their hometown, love to let their minds roam back four years to relive that eventful Christmas Day which had Italy's famous Ortona battleground as its setting. Many men who left Victoria with the Canadian Scottish were serving with the Seaforths at this time.

It was the anniversary of Christ's birthday 1943 when the Vancouver regiment literally "thumbed its nose" at the stubbornly-fighting Germans they were slugging it out with in house-to-house fighting.

In spite of the fact all the hell of war surrounded the Seaforths, headquarters was determined to stage a glorious Christmas party for the boys in the line . . . and that is just what happened. It turned out to be the most memorable and colorful Yule experience those footsloggers ever tasted and probably ever will sample again under such conditions.

SOME OF VICTORIA'S "FEW"

William D. Reid, Esquimalt school teacher, living at 90 Linden Avenue; William Cave, carpenter, 1030 Empress Avenue; C. Austin Rivers, Oak Bay municipal employee, 2002 Milton Street, and Robert Jackson, address and employment not known by any of the above but known to be still living here; Phil Schulz, working at James Island powder works, and last seen endeavoring to get a home at Pat Bay, and myself.

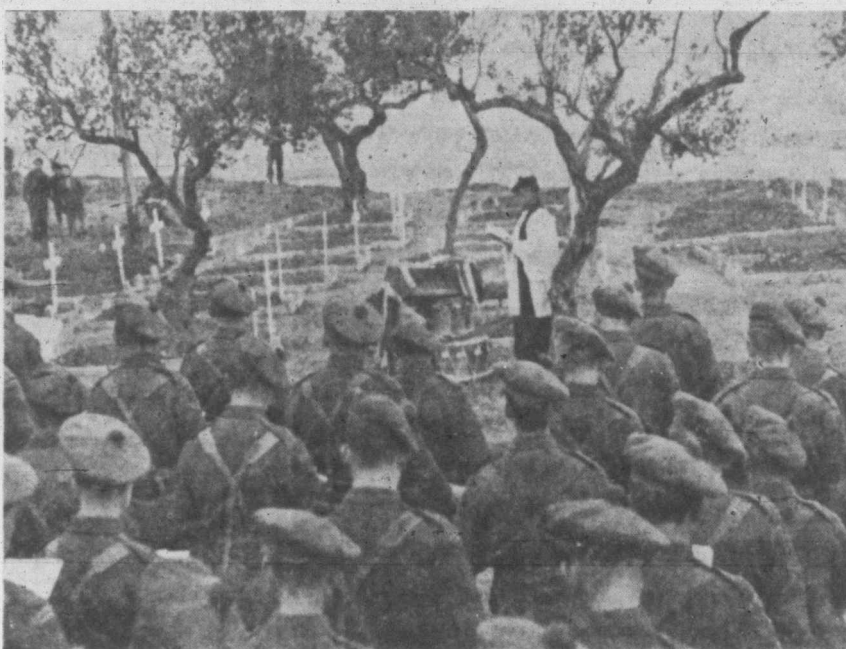
They are among the Victoria "few" who survived this grim show and vividly remember the event.

Christmas Day that year dawned cold and raw—but no snow—to find the Seaforths with ranks badly depleted due to almost a month of hammering at the Hun from the Moro River to Ortona where they were in the process of helping to administer the Sunday punches which a few days later spelled another Canadian prize in the Eighth Army victory bag.

It took most of the day to give the lads their Yule dinner. It was served almost "around the corner" from the line of fire, the rattle of small arms sounding loudly as Canadians sought out elusive German snipers and vice-versa in the badly demolished town's buildings and on the rubble-mountain streets.

FEASTED—BUT HELD LINE, TOO

Company by company the boys came back for the bright bit of cheer planned for them . . . but the battalion kept up



Seaforths attend a drumhead service to pay tribute to fellow members of the battalion who fell in the Ortona battle at the rough cemetery site not long after the battle was won.

the fight as toughly as before, in spite of its reduced firepower, due to the remaining companies spreading out to "hold the line." So it went until all had feasted on a hot, nicely prepared dinner that was a treat to stomachs used to a diet chiefly of bully beef, hard tack and canned, greasy stews.

Scene of the festive arrangement was a fine Italian church of antiquated vintage, on the edge of the town, different only to a half dozen other churches in the town in that it had not been ravaged by bomb and shell. It only had a single anti-tank shell hole in one wall, and strangely enough, all around it other buildings were in a sorry state of ruin.

Their rifles still hot, the Seaforth warriors slipped back group by group.

Arriving at the church they doffed equipment and arms and in the stone-walled courtyard gathered around a portable organ. There with his head bared in the war-noised air, the likable padre said a few words of prayer and then led the fighters in the rendering carols.

WAR'S THUNDER—PADRE JOINS

The heavy barking of our own guns just outside the walls created a thunder that somewhat drowned out the soldiers' voices and this drew the humorous comment from the padre, "Sorry about the static, boys, it can't be helped." . . . Luckily Jerry did not get the notion to lob a few of his death-dealers about this locale.

In our opinion, that courtyard scene, repeated many times during the day, was a heart-gripping scene which would have won plenty of box-office appeal for a Hollywood production.

From there the boys filed into the roomy church, took places at long white-clothed tables and sat down to be served the finest dinner ever offered in a battle front-line. There was roast pork with potatoes, other vegetables and gravy, Christmas pudding with sauce, mince meat pies and cake and many other yule trimmings like nuts, oranges, apples, chocolate bars and candy, hot coffee and a bottle of beer apiece.

Serving were officers and N.C.O.'s in traditional style.

More rugged and unkempt-looking bunches of men, we will wager, never sat down to a banquet table before. For about four weeks they had been fighting hard without a letup; no one had enjoyed the luxury of a bath or even a facsimile for more than that period and there had been many washless days. Clothes and boots had not been off the whole route.

Nine out of 10 had week or better growths of beards adorning faces—and not a few dug away at their flesh at intervals to try and locate fleas which had made their bodies home for the time being, for Italy was a country infested with such insects.

Yes, they made a pretty rough looking crowd, men who would soon be back playing "for keeps" with the enemy, men who had sweated for months in the face of Hun fire and knew their chances of ever seeing the new year were very doubtful.

A "CHOIR" PERFORMED

But in spite of the rigors of war, plainly showing on their faces haggard from lack of sleep and rough, irregular feeding—the men could not help but feel a touch of the Christmas spirit in such a setting, more especially when an improvised "choir" of officers and men sang carols to the accompaniment of music provided by the organ on the balcony which had somehow been put into a semblance of working order. Smiles came with memories of happier days with the same



One of the badly smashed churches of Ortona, but not the one in which the Seaforths enjoyed a Christmas feast and a brief respite from the grimness of war.

music. Between mouthfuls many joined in the songfest.

Their appetites appeased for the time, the soldiers were met at the door, on their way out to move back over the hills of rubble to let comrades enjoy what they had just enjoyed, by the padre who shook hands and bid them good luck . . . reinforcements had arrived and we took them back with us to fill ranks badly reduced by casualties.

It was indeed a great show . . . a brave and, well, an audacious one.

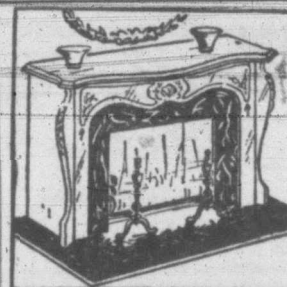
Men of the Seaforth battalion

Cooper's Grill Opens to Public

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper, formerly of Cooper's Coffee Shop, opened their new restaurant, known as Cooper's Grill, yesterday, at 720 Fort Street.

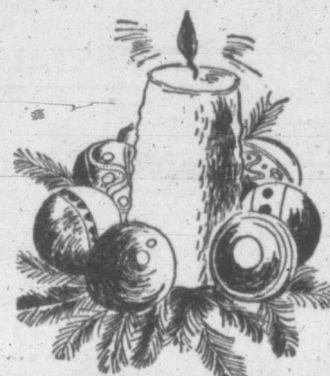
All day long a continual stream of friends poured in to shake hands with the smiling couple, and to congratulate them on the realization of what has been a long-standing dream. Everything in the Grill has been created according to the Cooper's own ideas. The long coffee counter sits on sparkling chrome shafts, and is open underneath to give plenty of leg freedom. "And," as Mr. Cooper points out, "when the counter is open below it is kept clear, and does not tempt a busy waitress to 'temporarily' set an empty milk bottle in a corner."

Cooper's Grill has that indefinable something called charm. Many things contribute to make it so. The inviting color harmony of subdued reds and creams, restful lighting arrangements, the cosy circular booths, comfortably upholstered, the gracious fireplace, and from the mezzanine at the back, two leaded balcony windows behind which glow little Christmas trees. Add to this the genial "mine host" personality of Mr. Cooper, and you have a restaurant which is destined to be one of the most popular in Victoria.



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News of the Island

Pioneer Resident Buried Monday

SOOKE—Sooke's oldest resident, Curtis Trenchard Muir, who died at his home Friday, was laid to rest in Muir private cemetery Monday.

Rev. H. M. Bolton conducted funeral service at Holy Trinity Church. Pallbearers were Jack Phillips, Fred Milne, Arnold Gling, Eustace Arden, E. J. Pontious and P. G. Millman.

Mr. Muir was born at Sooke 79 years ago, the second son of Robert Muir and grandson of John Muir, a member of the first Legislature of British Columbia, of "Woodside," Sooke, whose family was the first to settle in Sooke district.

He had traveled extensively in Canada in his early years. He is survived by his widow and one son, C. Leonard Muir.

Plan Dance For Sooke District

SOOKE—Those contributing to a musical entertainment, modern and old-time dance in Sooke Community Hall dining-room Saturday, commencing at 8, will be Carol Collins, Carole Chivers, Beth Martin, Lorraine Duncan, Elinor Eve, Diane Acreman, Bob Lajeunesse, Mrs. Florence Acreman and Leonard Stewart.

Mrs. H. Wadams and Mrs. G. H. Jones will be in charge of receipts.

The proceeds are for the Sooke and Milne's Landing P. T. A. Projector Fund. The projector will be used by both the elementary and high schools at Sooke.

Cowichan Elks Stage Concert

LAKE COWICHAN—Lake Cowichan Lodge No. 293 B.P.O. Elks entertained the children, Saturday afternoon, when they staged a Christmas party and entertainment in the Community Hall. Gifts were distributed to 165 children of members, under the age of 11 years. All children, even outside that age group, received candies, ice cream, and other goodies. The giant tree touched the ceiling.

Mr. Frank Merryfield of Victoria, well-known magician, went through a trunkful of tricks to bewilder and delight children and grown-ups alike.

Ladies of the Order of the Royal Purple helped their brother Elks to arrange the party, and they were thanked for their assistance.

Entertainment At Sunday School Hall

LUXTON—Luxton Sunday School held its Christmas concert Monday evening in Luxton Sunday School Hall.

The school is sponsored by Central Baptist Church and is superintended by T. Watson. Concert opened with the carol "O Come All Ye Faithful." Martha Mills gave a recitation followed by a choral group by the junior girls' class.

Alfred and Dorothy Lincoln sang a duet, "Silent Night," after which Dorothy Lincoln recited "We Know." A violin solo by Donald Silman was accompanied at the organ by A. Silman.

A tableaux was presented by the intermediate girls, entitled "Unto Us a Child is Born." Boys' class gave a selection entitled "Blessings."

The girls' Bible class sang several carols, "I'm Glad That Jesus Came to Earth." Norma Wilkinson sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Dr. G. B. Rowell gave a short talk. Norman Barton, former teacher of the Sunday School, who now resides in Vancouver, presented the attendance prizes and Christmas gifts to the children.

Give Turkey Dinner For Single Employees

HONEYMOON BAY—Western Forest Industries Ltd. treated its single employees to a turkey dinner Thursday evening. The large dining-hall here was decorated for the festive occasion.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, turkeys were distributed to all married employees of the company here and at their associate settlements.

To Refit Stewart

Specifications are now being drawn up for the annual refit of the hydrographic survey vessel, William J. Stewart, including a considerable amount of work below the ship's waterline, according to W. K. Willis, chief of the Dominion hydrographic survey offices here.

Tenders will be called in about six weeks, and both Victoria Machinery Depot Co. Ltd., and Yarrows Ltd., are expected to submit bids for the contract.

Other Countries Will Need All Canada Can Produce In 1948

By Canadian Press

Tired of shopping? Well, there's a whole new year of it coming up and it will be a good idea to get the shelves in order, for the world promises to come calling for about everything Canada has, or can dream of producing.

The Christmas stocking of 1947 looks very good, though some of the things in it may produce headaches if not handled judiciously.

Most interesting shiny new item is the European recovery program, which has yet to run a course of bitter debate in the United States Congress, but which seems bound to produce an attempt to buy every bit of goods Canada can spare.

The recovery program—so long awaited, so long delayed—had somewhat faded into an

abstraction, and the actual words of President Truman, which indicated that some billions of dollars under this Marshall Plan would be spent in Canada, brought almost a gasp.

This seems in store: Canada in 1948 will embark on a maximum expansion of production, both of raw materials and manufactured goods, with virtually all lines receiving the stimulation whether or not they are directly affected by the European program.

When the present so-called "artificial" buying is over, Canada will be equipped with a great producing plant which will require an outlet in increased "normal" sales both at home and abroad.

In view of this, observers feel that the mad rush of buying expected in 1948 should not

obscure the need for long-range planning.

On the market front Tuesday buying continued buoyant and moderately lively. Toronto extended the recovery shift, with the gold section moving into action on good advances for secondary goods as calculations of the value of government assistance were being completed. Industrials in New York, Montreal and Toronto generally moved steadily on an upward trend. London was quiet, but the undertone was optimistic.

B.C. Not Affected

VANCOUVER (CP)—British Columbia won't be affected by agreement between major Canadian oil companies and the federal government to reduce imports of United States fuel oil to conserve dollars, oil men said here Tuesday night.

They expressed the belief the agreement would not affect this province because supplies for the winter are already in Canada awaiting delivery.

Plan Repair Work On H.M.C.S. Micmac

HALIFAX (CP)—Reconstruction and repair work on the collision-twisted bow of the Tribal class destroyer Micmac, which rammed the freighter Yarmouth County in dense fog off Halifax last July, will be started by Halifax Shipyards Ltd. as soon as equipment and materials are available, R. J. R. Nelson, general manager, said.

"As far as we know, we've been awarded the contract by the navy and work will begin as soon as we can dig up steel plates and other materials," Mr. Nelson stated Tuesday.

A tentative survey of the damage indicated a complete bow would have to be grafted on the Micmac, laid down in 1941 at a cost of several millions. Final specifications, however, have not been released.

Shortly after the collision,

which killed 11 seamen and injured 16 others, the Micmac was put on the marine slip at nearby Dartmouth for inspection. It was thought for a time the vessel would be scrapped.

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Meeting In Secret May Decide Fate Of World Trade Group

HAVANA (AP)—Heads of delegations to the Havana trade conference were called today into a secret meeting which may decide whether the world will have an international trade organization.

It was understood the meeting would discuss the crucial question of "QR"—quantitative restrictions—which has brought a crisis in the conference called by the United Nations to work out a proposed I.T.O. charter.

Tuesday delegates of the United States and France among industrialized countries, and Australia and Liberia among the "under-developed nations," warned of chaos which would follow if prohibitions were not accepted against quotas, licenses and similar restrictions on international trade.

INSTRUCTIONS ASKED

A number of cablegrams sent by delegations to their capitals, presumably asking for instructions, indicated the address had had an effect on the representatives of countries insisting upon permission to invoke "QR" against imports.

The United States, chief proponent of the tentative I.T.O. charter worked out by 18 countries at Geneva and presented to the conference here, threatened that its gigantic economic power might "freeze out" smaller countries if the general ban on "QR" were not adopted.

Australia and Liberia warned of disastrous effects to small countries dependent on one or a few articles of export if larger nations should adopt quota restrictions against their commodities.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A salvage collection for James Bay, Esquimalt and Gorge: E 3413.

A special Christmas dinner will be served at Holley's Cafe, Dec. 23. For reservations, please phone G 3143.

Alcoholics Anonymous — The alcoholic, as distinguished from a normal drinker, is a person who drinks even when he doesn't want to and knows he shouldn't. Such compulsive drinking causes unhappiness and ruins careers. If this is your problem, then you may obtain help—freely and confidentially. Apply Victoria Chapter, Alcoholics Anonymous, P.O. Box No. 1, Victoria; P.O. Box No. 869, Duncan, B.C.

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New Year's Eve Celebration—Loughheed's Banquet Club, 1046 Douglas Street, at 9 p.m. Delicious turkey supper and dancing. Orchestra and entertainers. Tickets, \$10 couple. Reservations, Phone E 0933 or G 4479.

U.S. Freighter Safe

HONOLULU (AP) — The freighter Simon Benson, battered and torn by heavy north Pacific seas, steamed into the safety of Honolulu harbor Tuesday night.

The Benson, en route to the Orient, sent out an SOS Dec. 15 saying heavy seas had split some of her plates. Part of a cargo of rice, which swelled from water and threatened to rip the ship's sides, had to be dumped.

A NOLICAN-ST. JOHN'S, COLWOOD—A Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; St. Matthew's, Langford—Christmas Day: Holy Communion, 9.30 a.m. Vicar, the Rev. Hywel J. Jones.

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December 25, 1947

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Preacher: THE DEAN

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Rector

11.30 p.m.

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Midnight Holy Communion Service

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CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion

11.00 a.m.

Special Christmas Service

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Christmas Day, Dec. 25

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